

Book Brigade

Spirit Warriors

Starter activity

Many characters in *Spirit Warriors* are inspired by ghost stories or scary creatures from real Caribbean folklore, like Black Heart Man and La Diabliesse. Can you create your own creatures inspired by creatures from different folklore?

Here are some creatures to inspire you, but you could also use those you know about from folktales you've heard elsewhere.



Anzu

Mesopotamian

A winged eagle-lion monster who steals the Tablet of Destinies, a mythical clay tablet from Mesopotamian religion that contains the fate of the universe.

Possession of the tablet is said to grant the owner supreme authority.

Anzu is often depicted as being able to breathe both fire and water.



Nekomata

Japanese

Old, large cat demons with two tails. They are said to be very powerful, and have been depicted as being able to walk around on their hind legs and speak human languages.

Some myths show them to be able to summon fireballs and control corpses like puppets. They are said to use their powerful influence to blackmail or enslave humans.



Al'Mihraj

Arabic

A creature that resembles a rabbit with one horn – like a unicorn rabbit. Despite its cute appearance, tales have depicted it as hostile and a carnivore, unlike the rabbits we know and love!

Legend says it lives on an island called Jazīrat al-Tinnīn ('Sea-Serpent Island' or 'Dragon Island') and was gifted to Iskandar (Alexander the Great) after he helped kill a dragon.

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My chosen creature from folklore:

Draw what it looks like:

How does it look or act differently from the original tale?

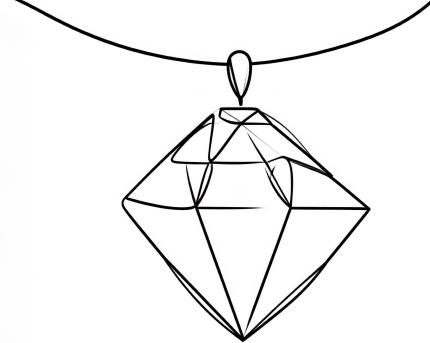
What other characters could be in my story?

How does my story start? What happens in it?

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Ending activity



My magical heirloom

In Spirit Warriors, Evie is given a special inheritance from her parents – the larimar, a gemstone that contains magic powered by Sekesu, one of the heroes of Xaymaca.

Try and imagine receiving something special from your mum and dad, or someone else who cares for you, that contains a special magical power. What might it be? What would be its power?

You might want to think about what the person who gave it to you likes doing, what they do for a job or what they think is important. For example, my parents are doctors, so they might give me a scalpel that opens a doorway into another universe, or a stethoscope that allows me to hear what people really feel in their hearts, despite what they say.

My special object:

What is it?

Why did the person give it to you?

What magical power does it have?