

Mythical Horse Creatures

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Unicorn – The unicorn is usually thought of as a white, horse-like animal with a single, long horn coming from its forehead. It is often described as having magical powers. In medieval Europe, some believed that unicorn horns could purify water and heal sickness. People would actually eat what they thought was unicorn horn powder because they thought it would prevent them from getting sick.

Pegasus – Pegasus was a flying white horse with huge wings that came about in ancient Greece. The role of Pegasus was to bring Zeus (the father of Greek gods and goddesses) thunderbolts and lightning. According to myth, springs of water burst forth from the Earth where Pegasus walked. Unlike a unicorn, Pegasus did not have a horn.

1. What is a difference between the unicorn and Pegasus?

- A. Pegasus is a different color than the unicorn
- B. The Unicorn can fly
- C. Pegasus has a horn
- D. Pegasus has wings

2. What is not true about the unicorn?

- A. Some believed the unicorn's horn had healing powers
- B. The unicorn has a single horn coming from its forehead
- C. The unicorn comes in many different colors
- D. The unicorn has magical powers

3. What is something that the unicorn and Pegasus have in common? Select all that are true.

- A. They are horse-like
- B. They are white
- C. They could purify water
- D. They are not real

4. Which of the following is a fact?

- A. Pegasus delivered thunderbolts and lightning to Zeus
- B. People believed the horn of the unicorn could cure sickness
- C. Wherever Pegasus walks, springs of water appear
- D. Unicorns have magical powers