

Art A Day CHALLENGE: Creepy Cute Creatures

Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Stuff you'll need: Materials are up to you! Read through the challenge and make your decision based on your idea! If it is a nice day, draw it in chalk on your driveway!

LOOK at these examples of art that show the fierce looking Qilin, a mythical Chinese creature. Although it looks a little scary, it is actually said that the Qilin is a gentle being that plays pranks.



Descriptions of this creature change depending on the story teller. When you visit MFA, find the 2 hidden Qilins! Here is a quick link to a brief history of these interesting little guys.

Unknown maker

Qilins, Qing Dynasty, 18th or 19th century, after Tang Dynasty originals, porcelain
Gift of Mrs. Anna Brugh Singer, 1949

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/qilin>

<https://www.ancient-origins.net/myths-legends-asia/gentle-and-benevolent-qilin-chinese-mythology-001933>

THINK about the mythological creatures you've heard of or have seen in movies. Which are mean? Which are helpful? What was it about the creature that made you believe it was good or evil? Sometimes legendary creatures are made up of creatures we've seen or know about. What parts of other animals look familiar when you look at a Qilin?

MAKE Create a brand new mythological creature! Maybe it has scrambled parts of many animals put together. Consider combining a gentle animal with an aggressive animal or a cuddly, soft animal with a powerful animal. Name your new creature! Share your creations!

Writing Extension: Write a story about this animal. How has this creature played a role in the history of the world?



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(mid-late 18th century, Qing Dynasty)

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