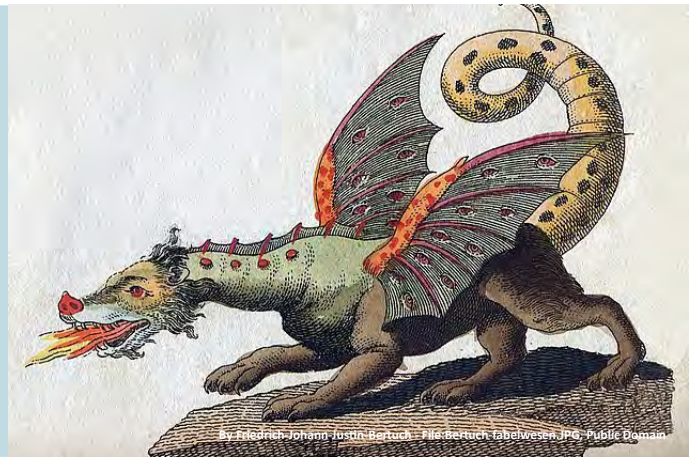


You will need:

- Paper
- Pencils/Markers/Crayons

Optional:

- Craft supplies (e.g., paint, cotton balls, clay)



Directions:

Make a list of characteristics that will affect the way your animal looks.

1. First think of a place you want your animal to live.
 - A. What is the climate and weather where your animal lives?
 - B. What does your animal eat?
 - C. Does your animal live in a big herd or is it a territorial predator?

Example:

Lives in South America in a rainforest habitat

- Needs green colors to blend in with tree cover

Eats flying insects and fruits from tree tops

- Needs wings to get fresh fruit and insects

Lives by itself

- Needs hard shell to protect itself from predators

Now use all of these characteristics to create your animal!

1. Draw the outline.
2. Fill in the colors.
3. You can even give your animal texture like cotton balls for fur or draw on scales with puffy paint.
4. Or get adventurous and make your creature out of clay or other 3D materials.



Show us your newly created species and tell us all about it on our Facebook page “Adventures in EdZooCation” or tag the North Carolina Zoo at #NCZOO or #NCZOOED.