



LESSON 12 LEVEL A REAL BUT NOT REALLY

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

drawing, combining factual knowledge and imagination

WHAT YOU WILL NEED:

drawing paper and markers or crayons; *or* dark-colored construction paper and oil pastels; scratch paper

“TIPS”: Talk about animals you know from visits to a farm or the zoo. Look at pictures of a variety of creatures. As you talk, point out and sketch on scratch paper the most important features of each animal.

to trees in a very unpleasant way. Now imagine a lion with the head of an eagle (a griffin). Imagine a creature with the head of a man, the body of a lion and the tail of a dragon (a manticore). There were other strange combinations too. Think about putting the front part of a giraffe onto the body of an elephant. What other weird combinations can you think of? Don't forget: insects, birds, and fish are part of the animal kingdom too. Let your imagination play!

1. Sketch an imaginanimal onto your large paper. Study your drawing. Think where you might add something from a *third* animal. Use your crayons or pastels to color in your creature.

IMAGINANIMALS: Animals that Never Were



A Bonnacon from a Medieval Manuscript

GETTING STARTED: Long ago and far away, people believed that there were many odd animals in the world. These animals combined the features of familiar birds and beasts. For example, the bonnacon (above) has the body and mane of a horse and the head of a bull. Its horns are so curly it cannot injure anyone. It defends itself by setting fire



2. Where does your imaginanimal live? Show its home and maybe some of the things it likes to eat. Fill up the rest of the picture with colors and designs, if you wish. You could make tiny drawings of its family.



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3. Make up a name for your imaginanimal. Print it on the back of your picture. Write your name and how old you are there too.

CLEAN UP: Put all your art materials away. Wash up anything that got paint on it. . that means yourself, too.

TALK ABOUT IT: What part of your picture do you like best? Why? What other animals would make another good picture?

MORE IDEAS: Make a cut-and-paste imaginanimal. Or use tempera paint to make a very big picture.

CONNECTIONS: There are many good picture books about animals.

1. Read or listen to stories about animals of all kinds.

2. Tell a story about your imaginanimal or make up a song or a poem.

3. Make a little book of your own. Fold over drawing paper and staple or tie it together. Draw a whole set of imaginanimals on the pages.