*The Hobbit* Library Session: Imaginary Creatures, Legends, and Folklore

**Rationale**:

Throughout *The Hobbit*, the narrator makes reference to old history, runes (old language), legends, and folktales, so I have designed this library session in order to give you an opportunity to read and learn more about western or European legends, folktales and imaginary creatures that are originated from these old stories.

**Learning Objectives**: During the library sessions, you will be able to…

* Identify the origin of the imaginary creature they have chosen
* Describe the imaginary creature in detail
* Obtain at least 3 pieces of information about the folktalke/myth/legend that is associated with the creature
* Cite sources, using MLA7 format

**Summary of the library session**:

During the library session, you will pick an imaginary creature, read about it and the legend/myth/folktale that is associated with the creature. You will also write a few paragraphs about the creature and the legend/myth/folktale. Read the following instruction carefully.

1. **Imaginary Creature**

Part 1: Pick an imaginary/mythical/legendary creature. There is a list of imaginary creatures you can research on the next page.

My creature is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Part 2: Read about the creature in printed (books) or online (websites) materials. Read at least one printed material. Write down the title of the book and the URL address of the website. If you have read 2 books, write down the titles of both books. Underline the title of the book.

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Part 3: Answer to the following questions in FULL sentence.

1. What is its origin? (eg. My creature is from a Welsh folktale.)

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1. Describe of the creature’s appearance and characteristics.

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Part 3: On a separate sheet of paper…

1. Explain why you have picked the creature. (1-2 sentences)
2. Summarize your findings from reading
3. Discuss at least 2 pieces of information that have surprised or fascinated you during the research. Explain what part of your discovery was interesting and memorable.
4. Cite the sources you have listed in Part 2. Use MLA7 format.
5. **Myth/Legend/Folklore**

Part 1: Read about the folklore/myth/legend that is associated with the creature. Write down the title of the book/encyclopedia and the website that you have looked into. Read 2 different sources. You must read at least one printed material.

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Part 2: Write a short paragraph that discusses at least 3 pieces of information you have obtained from reading about the folktale/myth/legend. You may write in the space provided below or write it on a separate piece of paper. **Don’t forget to cite the sources. Follow MLA7 format**.

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1. **Glogster Poster**

Part 7: Create a Glogster poster.

1. Draw a picture of the creature or find a picture online. If you draw the picture, scan it and upload it on the poster.
2. Cite the image.
3. Write a caption of the image.
4. Insert the summary of your discovery (Copy the summary you have written for Section I Part 3 #2).
5. **Gallery-Walk**

Part 8: We will do a gallery-walk. During the walk, you will

1. Choose a different creature which another person has researched. Write the name of the creature here.

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1. Read the summary of the creature.
2. Write 2 things you have learned about the creature on in the space provided below.

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1. While you look at other people’s posters, I will evaluate your Glogster poster.

Here is the list of imaginary creatures you can research. If you would like to research a creature that is not listed here, come and talk to me. I will discuss it together.

A List of Imaginary Creatures:

* From *The Hobbit*

1. Troll
2. Dwarf
3. Goblin
4. Dragon
5. Elf
6. Wizard
7. Magical ring
8. Shapeshifter/transformer (Beorn)

* From western legends/myths/folktales/novels/films

1. Witch
2. Orc
3. Gaul
4. Giant
5. Fairy
6. Unicorn
7. Centaur
8. Vampire
9. Mermaid
10. Alien
11. Phoenix
12. Gnome
13. Water horses

Websites to look at:

<http://www.lizaphoenix.com/encyclopedia/types.shtml>

<http://www.mythicalcreatureslist.com/>

<http://www.mythicalcreaturesguide.com/>