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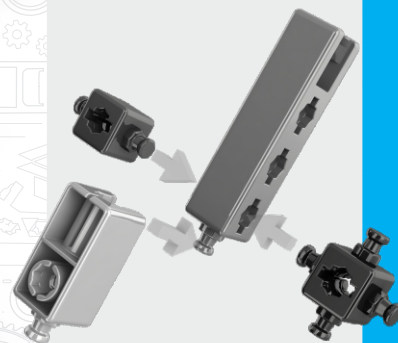
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Theory

What we will learn

Dragons are mythical beings, usually appearing in the mythology of several cultures around the world. There is a big diversity in their size and powers, though they have common reptilian-like features. One of their weapons is that they usually blow out fire. In countries like China and Japan big celebrations for dragons are still organised. Do you want to know more about the history of dragons? Have you wondered if dragons ever lived on Earth? Which similarities did they share among different mythologies?



Dragons are famous for fire breathing abilities

This booklet of "**DRAGONS EVOLUTION**" contains a great deal of useful information and amazing facts, so that you will learn all about dragons. Follow the building instructions, contained in this booklet to build exciting models such as **a pterosaur, a phoenix dragon, an elder dragon, a rhaegal dragon** and a **twinheaded dragon**. Join this journey into the legendary stories of dragons!



Stories with dragons appear in many different civilizations, all having their own significance. Dragons have appeared in a variety of sagas with gods in ancient mythologies. During the time of Christopher Columbus, when the majority of people thought the Earth was flat, dragons were believed to hide on the Earth's boundaries. This myth was busted after navigators crossed the oceans and circumnavigated the Earth finding no evidence of such creatures.

The History of Dragons

It is not clearly known when dragons first appeared in cultures but it is estimated to be around 4000 B.C. Dragons were thought to be animals living in dark and damp caves, on mountain tops or in lakes. It is believed that the invention of such monstrous creatures with super powers is due to the early discoveries of dinosaurs' fossils or even bones from unknown animals of the past.





Meaning of word "Dragon"

The word dragon comes directly from the ancient Greek "Drakones" or "Draconta", meaning to watch carefully at something. This explains why dragons were typically assigned as guards of precious treasures such as mountains of gold coins, jewels and secrets.



Did you know?

Dragons were much loved as mythological animals. They were presented as gigantic and powerful snakes or reptiles. Also, they have appeared in mythology throughout the ages and are especially popular in the culture of China. "The phoenix" is a dragon with wings and five claws which was used as a symbol for the emperors in China. The body of phoenix had various colours, like sunset orange and yellow.



China has a strong culture in dragons



Description of Dragons

A dragon is typically a monster of an enormous size with a reptilian nature. This is very common to almost all cultures. However, there are dragons whose size varies from small to pet-sized or even miles long. Despite their varying appearance, most dragons appeared in red or green color. Other common characteristics were their red and slanted eyes, long tails, claws and sharp teeth. Dragons are also famous for the special powers they possessed. Depending on the culture, dragons might be super powerful or very weak, friendly or aggressive, wise or dumb with wings or not.



Dragon Symbolism

Dragons are often used as symbols in the cultures all over the world. Despite the fact that dragons of the Eastern countries had quite similar physical characteristics from the Western, their symbolic representations are different. This indicates the essential differences among the two continents. The most significant difference is that Europeans had illustrated dragons as evil creatures, whereas Asian cultures regard them as friendly beings.



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