

# Dragons: Creatures of Legend and Mystery

Grade 3

English

Nonfiction

Dragons Theme

~139 words

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▣ READ — READ THIS PASSAGE CAREFULLY. YOU MAY READ IT TWICE.

Dragons are legendary creatures found in stories from many cultures around the world. These magnificent beasts appear in books, movies, and artwork from ancient times to today. Dragons have special features that make them unique and exciting. Most dragons have large wings, sharp claws, and long tails. Many dragons breathe fire and live in caves or mountains high above the ground. Some dragons are described as wise and friendly, while others seem dangerous and mean. Ancient people created dragon stories to explain natural events like thunderstorms and earthquakes. The Chinese people have celebrated dragons for thousands of years in parades and festivals. Dragons represent power and good fortune in their culture. Today, people still love learning about dragons through reading books and watching movies. Dragons continue to capture our imagination and inspire creative stories for children and adults everywhere.

▣ *Tip: Read the passage twice before turning to the questions on the next page.*

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Questions

⇒ **ANSWER** USE THE PASSAGE ON PAGE 1 TO HELP FIND YOUR ANSWERS.

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TEACHER / PARENT USE ONLY — Suggested answers shown below each question

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## MAIN IDEA

### 1. What is this passage mostly about?

The passage is mostly about what dragons are, their special features, and why dragons are important in cultures around the world.

## TEXT EVIDENCE

### 2. What are three features that most dragons have according to the passage?

According to the passage, most dragons have large wings, sharp claws, and long tails.

## VOCABULARY

### 3. What does the word 'legendary' mean in the passage?

Legendary means famous and talked about in stories, often from a long time ago.

## INFERENCE

### 4. Why do you think people in ancient times created dragon stories?

People probably created dragon stories to help explain things in nature that scared or confused them, like storms and earthquakes.

## CAUSE AND EFFECT

### 5. What happens because dragons represent power and good fortune in Chinese culture?

Because dragons represent power and good fortune, the Chinese people celebrate dragons in parades and festivals.

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### 6. Where do many dragons live according to the passage?

According to the passage, many dragons live in caves or mountains high above the ground.