

Unicorns' mysterious history revealed

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Unicorns are a thing of mystery, magic, and fascination. Understanding these magnificent creatures is not only important, but also fundamental knowledge that anyone who bears it as their mascot should understand.

The first written account of the Unicorn is thanks to the Greek historian, Ctesia, around 400 BC. Its description was strange, saying it had the body of a horse, head of a deer, tail of a lion, and the feet of a goat. It also had blue eyes, a purple head, and its horn was 1 1/2 feet, white at the base, black in the middle, and red at the tip. It was described as being a very fast and powerful runner.

In Asia, the Unicorn is known as Ki-Lin, and is considered a great omen of things to come. Ki-Lin would appear near the time of birth of a great and powerful person or leader, and was seen when Confucius was born. Ki-Lin has been a major

part of Chinese mythology, as one of the four auspicious animals, the other three being the dragon, phoenix, and tortoise. The Ki-Lin was a cross



royal families had goblets made from the Unicorn's horn. The only way to catch a Unicorn, would for a young woman virgin to go into the forest, and sit under a tree. The Unicorn, which craves purity, would come up and sit its head upon her lap. Poachers and hunters would use young women as bait for Unicorn, and spring out and cut off his horn once he came. Of course, if the woman wasn't really a virgin, the Unicorn would tear her apart.

The Unicorn appeared 9 times in the King James Version of the Bible, once saying that God had the strength of a Unicorn. Unicorns can appear with Pegasus wings too, in which it is called an Alicorn, or even with leathery demon wings. Although the Unicorn usually travels alone, a group of them is called a Blessing.

between a lion and a dragon, and had his horn growing backwards, instead of forwards.

The horn of the Unicorn holds magical properties, such as curing diseases. It could also neutralize poisons, so many

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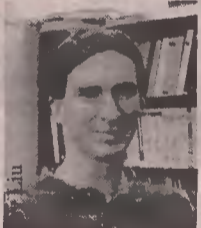


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What is the first day of winter?	Uhhh... <u>December 21st?</u>	I think it's uhh... <u>December 21st.</u>	O jeez... sometime in November... or December... I don't know.	<u>The 21st of December</u>	December 21st, +/- 3 days
Fill in the blank: "There must have been some magic in that ___ they found" -from Frosty the Snowman	Frosty the Snowman... old top hat?	Wait a minute... old top hat?	*thinks and goes through song in head*... old felt hat?	Something old hat... umm... ratty old hat?	"old silk hat"
Name the location of the 2006 winter Olympics (country).	Ooh... I should know this... Japan?	Ohh... *groan*... gotta be somewhere cold... Antarctica?	China?	O gosh! I'm going to say Norway... I don't know	Italy
What is the average amount of money a person spends during the holidays?	Umm... \$1000?	*weird face*... \$500?	Umm... \$300... \$500?	<u>Oh! I don't spend anything... so \$1000!</u>	\$700, +/- \$100
	<u>eins</u>	<u>uno</u>	<u>nada</u>	<u>un</u>	
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