

Activity 1: Mystery Mindset

Directions: Work together with one or more classmates to match some famous cryptids with their descriptions.

A. Mothman	I An ape-like creature that inhabits forests, mainly in the Pacific Northwest region of North America usually described as a large, hairy, two-footed humanoid.
B. Giant Ananconda	G A female human head and torso and the tail of a fish discussed since at least 5000 BC. Their origins are believed to be from the Great Queen Atargatis, who loved a mortal shepherd and unintentionally killed him. Ashamed, she jumped into a lake to take the form of a fish, but the waters would not conceal her divine beauty. Thereafter, she took the form of a human above the waist, fish below.
C. Yeti	E The most frequent speculation is that the creature represents a line of long-surviving plesiosaurs. It is similar to other supposed monsters in Scotland and elsewhere, though its description varies.
D. Chupacabra	C The 'abominable snowman' mythological humanoid creature said to inhabit the Himalayan region of Pakistan and Nepal. It is a tall, bipedal creature covered with long white hair and wears no clothes.
E. Loch Ness Monster	H They are usually shown in modern times with a body like a huge lizard, or a snake with two pairs of lizard-type legs, and able to emit fire from their mouths.
F. Lycanthrope	D A legendary cryptid rumored to inhabit parts of the Americas. It is associated more recently with sightings of an allegedly unknown animal in Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the United States, especially in the Latin American communities. The name comes from the animal's reported habit of attacking and drinking the blood of livestock, especially goats. It is a reptile-like being, appearing to have greenish-gray skin and sharp spines.
G. Mermaid	B Reports date back as far as the discovery of South America when sightings of this cryptid upwards of 150 feet in length began to circulate amongst colonists. The topic has been a subject of debate ever since.
H. Dragons	A A creature reportedly seen in the Point Pleasant area of West Virginia from November 12, 1966, to December 1967. Most observers describe it as a man-sized creature with large reflective red eyes and large wings. The creature was sometimes reported as having no head, with its eyes set into its chest. It has an unusual shriek that can be heard from a mile away.
I. Sasquatch	F A cryptid with the ability to shape shift into a wolf or half human/half wolf-like creature, either purposely, by being bitten or scratched by another werewolf, or after being placed under a curse, often associated with the appearance of the full moon. They are often attributed super-human strength and senses, far beyond those of both wolves or men.