

## Arion

An immortal horse which was very fast and bred by the gods. It also had the ability to speak. Some say that it was foaled by the goddess Demeter while others think that it's mother was Gaea, the Goddess of Earth.



## Pegasus

A flying horse usually white coloured. His father was Poseidon and his mother was the Medusa. He was captured and tamed by the Greek hero Bellerophon who he helped in his fights against the Chimaera. Pegasus lived on Mount Olympus and was best friends with Zeus.



## Cyclops

These creatures were gigantic, one-eyed monsters. Probably the most famous of them is Polyphemus, the Cyclops that was blinded by Odysseus. The Cyclops were generally considered the sons of Titans. They had no manners or fear.



## Medusa

Medusa was a monster and was one of the Gorgon sisters. She had the face of an ugly woman with snakes instead of hair; anyone who looked into her eyes was immediately turned to stone. Her sisters were Sthenno and Euryale, but Medusa was the only mortal of the three.



## Hydra

The Hydra was a serpentine water monster. Hydra's lair was the lake of Lerna in the Argolid, which was also the site of the myth of the Danaids. In the Hydra myth, the monster is killed by Heracles, using sword and fire, as the second of his Twelve Labors.



## **Centaur**

Centaur are half-human, half-horse creatures. They have the body of a horse and the torso, head and arms of a man. According to a myth, they were all born from the union of a single Centaurus with the Magnesian mares. Centaurs are very strong and are good at astronomy and divination (predicting the future).



## **Minotaur**

The Minotaur was a creature with the head of a bull and the body of a man or "part man and part bull". The Minotaur hid at the centre of the Labyrinth, which was an big maze-like construction designed by the Daedalus and his son Icarus. The Minotaur was eventually killed by the Athenian hero Theseus.



## **Griffin**

The griffin has the body, tail, and back legs of a lion; the head and wings of an eagle; and an eagle's talons as its front feet. Because the lion was traditionally considered the king of the beasts and the eagle the king of birds, the griffin was thought to be an especially powerful and majestic creature. They are known for guarding treasure.



## **Cerberus**

Cerberus was a three-headed dog that guarded the entrance of the Underworld, allowing the dead to enter but letting none out. Apart from his three heads, he also had a serpent's tail, a mane of snakes and the claws of a lion. Heracles managed to overpower Cerberus and killed him, successfully completing his twelve labours



## **Chimaera**

The Chimaera was a sibling of Cerberus and Hydra. It had the head and body of a lion, as well as the head of a goat that was attached to its back, and a tail that ended on a head of a snake. It is also believed to breath fire and be female, despite the mane adorning the lions head. The chimera was said to be incredibly vicious and powerful, especially since it possessed the abilities of three separate animals.

