

Mythical Beasts

The Greeks invented lots of mythical beasts. Look at the pictures and see if you can work out which one was which and write in their names.

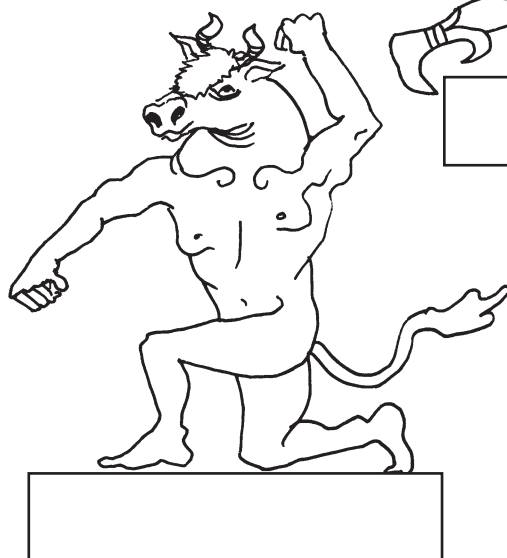
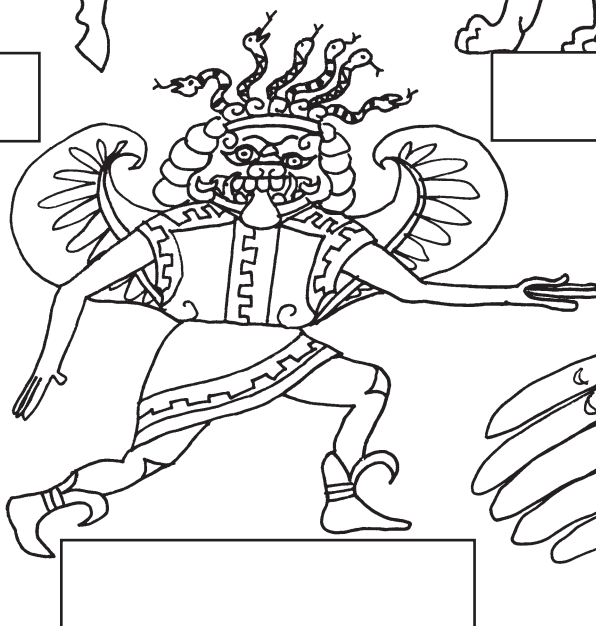
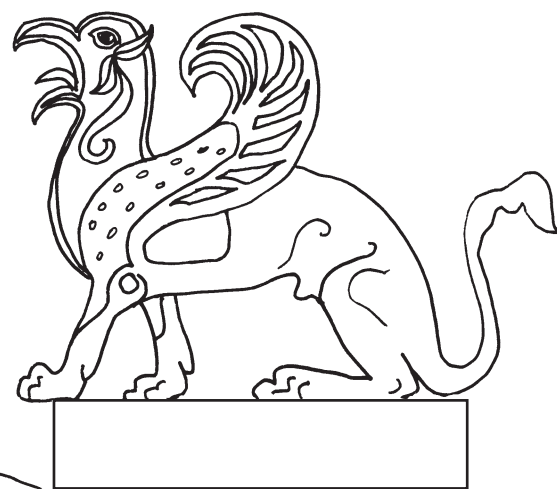
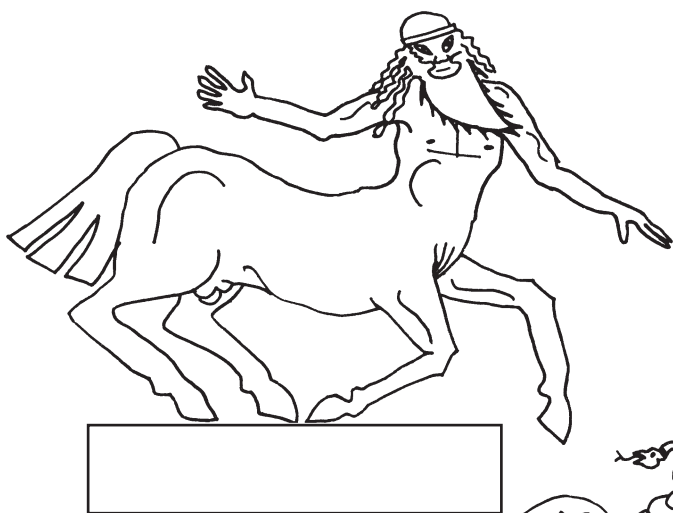
A **gorgon** was a woman with snakes for hair, and a grinning mouth with tusks.

A **centaur** had the head and chest of a man and a horse's body.

The **Minotaur**, from Crete, had the head of a bull and the body of a man.

A **griffin** had an eagle's head and wings with the body of a lion.

A **sphinx** had a woman's head, a lion's body and wings.



Now invent your own mythical beast and draw its picture in your book.

The Ancient Egyptians invented paper. They made it from a reed called papyrus which grew in the marshes along the River Nile.

The sentences below tell the story of how papyrus was made into paper, but the order has got mixed up.

Cut out the sentences and work with your group to get the sequence right.

Cut out the pictures.

Match them with the sentences and stick them on a separate piece of paper.

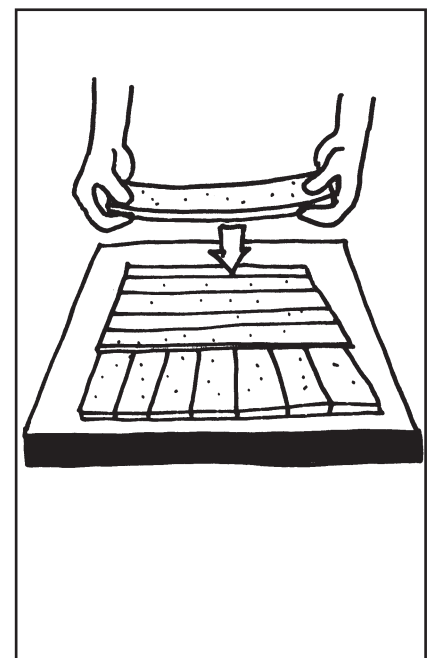
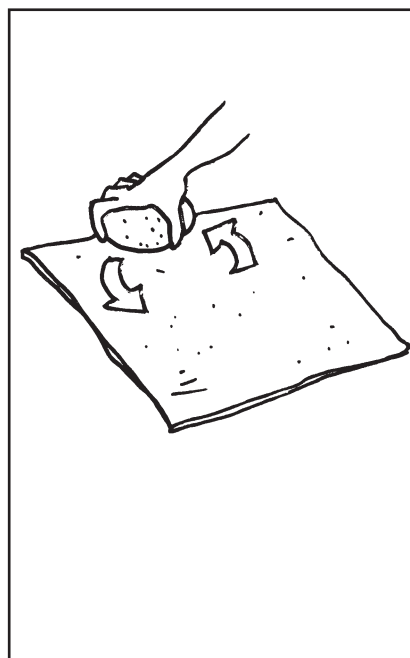
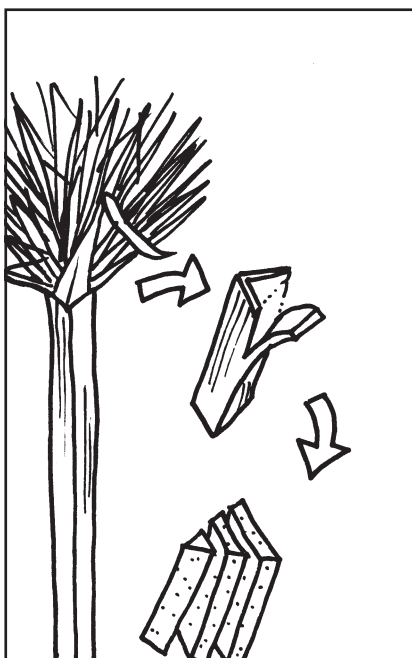
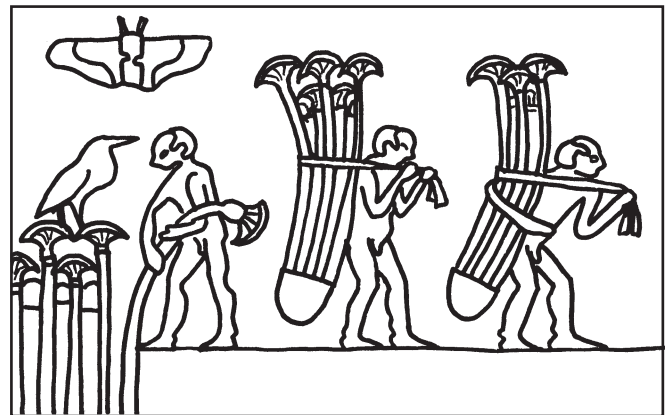
The strips were laid criss-cross in a frame and beaten flat with a mallet or stone until the layers bonded together.

People went into the marshes to cut bundles of papyrus reeds.

The inside of the stems (called the pith) was cut into thin strips.

Scribes wrote in hieroglyphs on the paper, using reed pens.

The sheets of paper were lifted out and polished with a pebble.



Life for people in towns was often difficult during the war. When the air raid warning siren went, everyone had to get into the nearest shelter. They often had to sleep there. Many people slept in the London Underground. Other people had their own shelter in their house, garden or street.

Children had to take their gas masks to school every day. Special gas masks were even made for babies. Luckily there were no gas attacks and no one had to use a gas mask.

One of the worst things was the blackout. Windows had to be covered with thick black material. Car headlights and street lights were covered except for a thin beam of light. There were lots of accidents because drivers could not see pedestrians.



True ☒ False ☐

The siren told people when there was going to be an air raid. ☐

Only office workers had to go to the air raid shelters. ☐

Some people had shelters in their garden. ☐

Children had to wear their gas masks when going to school. ☐

There were lots of gas attacks during the war. ☐

Cars had to travel without lights. ☐

Discuss with
your group.

*Is the passage a primary or a secondary source?
What was the blackout for?*