

## True or False

Follow the instructions to complete the activity.

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Using the information in *Unicorns*, verify whether the following information is true or false. Check your answers in the book. List the page number where you found your information beside your answer.

Statement 1  Unicorns became part of the Christian tradition as symbols of purity.  True  False Page Number

Statement 2  The kylin has the body of a bison and the head of a dragon.  True  False Page Number

Statement 3  Real goats' horns are hollow.  True  False Page Number

Statement 4  Historians think that Marco Polo mistook rhinoceroses for unicorns.  True  False Page Number

Statement 5  In many legends, unicorns would only approach young boys.  True  False Page Number



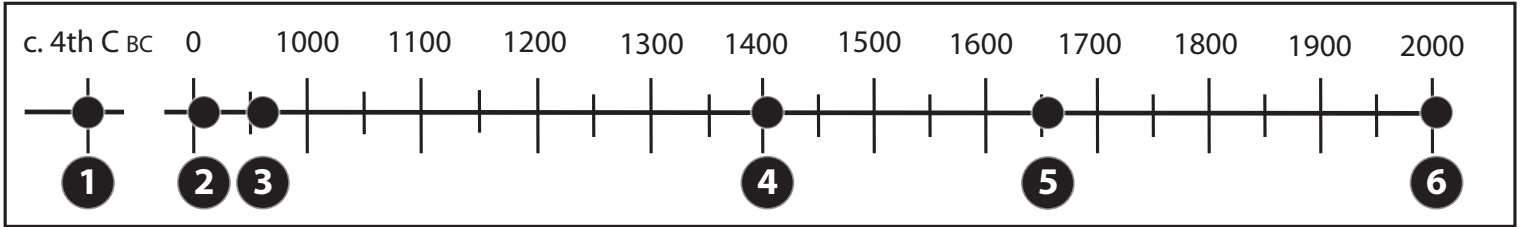
# Make a Timeline

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Number the events below in the order they should appear on the timeline. Write the number in the box beside each event. Check your answers with pages 28–29 of the book.



Unicorns become a craze. Many companies start producing unicorn-themed items.

The Chinese explorer Cheng Ho returns from a trip to Africa with a unicorn as a gift for the Chinese emperor. The unicorn is in fact a giraffe.

Greek historian Ctesias mentions unicorns in his book *Indica*.

Spanish bishop Isidore of Seville discusses unicorns in his book, *The Etymologies*.

A new throne is built for Frederik III, the king of Denmark. The throne is said to be made from unicorn horns, but is actually made from narwhal tusks.

Roman historian Pliny the Elder describes unicorns in his *Naturalis Historia*. According to Pliny's description, unicorns have a stag's head, an elephant's feet, a boar's tail, the body of a horse, and a single black horn in the middle of their head.



## Fill in the Blanks

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Use the information found in *Unicorns* to help you complete the following activity.

1. In Latin, *uni* means “” and *cornu* means “horn.”
2. Ollivanders is the most famous  shop in the Harry Potter books.
3. Many kingdoms, territories, and  families chose a unicorn as their symbol.
4. In Chinese legends, a ’s gentle nature prevents it from walking on grass or eating living vegetation.
5. In some stories, unicorns and  are enemies. They fight each other in battles.
6. In the  Ages, an artist created the *Unicorn Tapestries*.



Complete the statements by writing the correct number in the box.

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| 1. The narwhal's horn is actually a tooth. It has a spiral pattern. The tooth can reach up to this many feet in length.   | <input type="text"/> | <b>146</b>  |
| 2. A cave in Germany's Harz Mountains is called <i>Einhornhöhle</i> , or "Unicorn Cave." In this year, people found animal bones inside the cave and believed that they belonged to unicorns. | <input type="text"/> | <b>1200</b> |
| 3. Unicorns were first mentioned in writing around this century BC.   | <input type="text"/> | <b>1400</b> |
| 4. In this century AD, explorer Marco Polo claimed to have seen a unicorn. He described it as an ugly beast.  | <input type="text"/> | <b>10</b>   |
| 5. The constellation Monoceros is shaped like a unicorn. It includes this many visible stars.   | <input type="text"/> | <b>2700</b> |
| 6. In this century AD, people in Scotland used coins with images of unicorns on them.   | <input type="text"/> | <b>1663</b> |



## Write a Letter

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Think about what it would be like to meet a unicorn. Write a letter to a friend describing an imaginary encounter with this legend. What did it look like? What did it do? What did you say to it?



## Quiz

Test your knowledge by answering these quiz questions.

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**1** What is the name of the Greek historian who wrote about unicorns in the 300sBC?

**2** What does the unicorn symbolize in Christian tradition?

**3** Where is the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrated?

**4** How long can a narwhal tooth be?

**5** When did people find animal bones inside the Unicorn Cave?

**6** What is the unicorn called in China?

**7** What does the Latin word *cornu* mean?

**8** When were unicorns first mentioned in writing?

**9** What are bestiaries?

**10** When did the explorer Cheng Ho return to China?



## Key Words Match-Up

Write the words from the list below in the box above the correct definition for each word.

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### KEY WORDS

compassionate	constellation
myth	lure
fascinate	counteract
craze	Middle Ages
maidens	legends

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- to act against something
- young, unmarried women
- a period in European history that lasted from the 400s AD to the 1400s AD
- showing care and concern for others
- to convince someone to come near
- well-known stories from the past that are often untrue

- well-known, fictional stories common to a group of people
- to draw attention or interest
- an idea or object that suddenly becomes very popular
- a group of stars that forms a pattern or picture in the sky



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