

Global Folklore & Legends Essentials

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1. Which mythical creature is famously associated with guarding treasures and often depicted as a large, winged reptile capable of breathing fire?

- A) Griffin
- B) Sphinx
- C) Dragon**
- D) Centaur

2. In Greek mythology, who was the king of the gods, wielding the thunderbolt as his primary weapon?

- A) Poseidon
- B) Hades
- C) Zeus**
- D) Apollo

3. What is the name of the legendary sword associated with King Arthur, often said to have been pulled from a stone?

- A) Gae Bulg
- B) Excalibur**
- C) Durandal
- D) Gram

4. Which creature from Norse mythology is a giant wolf, destined to kill Odin during Ragnarök?

- A) Sleipnir
- B) Jörmungandr
- C) Fenrir**
- D) Garm

5. The story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' typically warns against the dangers of trusting strangers. What animal is the antagonist?

- A) Bear
- B) Wolf**
- C) Fox
- D) Lion

6. In Japanese folklore, what are the mischievous, shapeshifting spirits often depicted with a distinctive 'tanuki' nose and a pot belly?

- A) Yokai
- B) Kappa
- C) Kitsune
- D) Tanuki**

7. Which legendary figure is known for his incredible strength and twelve labors, often featured in ancient Greek myths?

- A) Odysseus
- B) Perseus
- C) Heracles (Hercules)**
- D) Achilles

8. What is the name of the mythical island in Arthurian legend said to be the place where King Arthur was taken after his final battle?

- A) Avalon**
- B) Atlantis
- C) Elysium
- D) Olympus

9. In Egyptian mythology, who is the god of the sun, often depicted with the head of a falcon?

- A) Osiris
- B) Anubis
- C) Ra**
- D) Thoth

10. Which legendary creature from Slavic folklore is a fearsome witch, often depicted with iron teeth and living in a hut that stands on chicken legs?

- A) Rusalka
- B) Domovoi
- C) Baba Yaga**
- D) Vodyanoy

11. The Pied Piper of Hamelin legend tells of a musician who led rats and then children out of town. What was his primary tool?

- A) Drum
- B) Harp
- C) Flute**
- D) Violin

12. In the Hindu pantheon, who is the preserver and protector of the universe, often depicted with four arms?

- A) Shiva
- B) Brahma
- C) Vishnu**
- D) Ganesha

13. What is the legendary flying horse, born from the blood of Medusa in Greek mythology?

- A) Pegasus**
- B) Hippogriff
- C) Charybdis
- D) Cerberus

14. The story of 'Cinderella' involves a magical transformation provided by whom?

- A) A fairy godmother**
- B) A talking animal
- C) A wise old woman
- D) A powerful wizard

15. Which legendary bird, in various mythologies, is said to regenerate or be reborn from ashes after it dies?

- A) Phoenix**
- B) Roc
- C) Thunderbird
- D) Basilisk

16. In Arthurian legend, who was the loyal knight known for his quest for the Holy Grail and his purity?

- A) Sir Lancelot
- B) Sir Gawain
- C) Sir Galahad**
- D) Sir Percival

17. What is the name of the monstrous, serpent-like sea creature often found in Norse mythology, large enough to encircle the world?

- A) Kraken
- B) Leviathan
- C) Jörmungandr**
- D) Charybdis

18. The legend of Icarus warns about the dangers of flying too close to the sun. What was Icarus made of to fly?

- A) Feathers and wax**
- B) Leather wings
- C) Wooden planks
- D) Magic enchanted cloth

19. In Native American folklore, which powerful spirit is often associated with wind, storms, and the sky, and typically depicted as a bird?

- A) Coyote
- B) Raven
- C) Thunderbird**
- D) Hopi Kachina

20. What mythical city, said to be a utopia, was supposedly discovered by Plato?

- A) El Dorado
- B) Shangri-La
- C) Atlantis**
- D) Camelot

21. In the folklore of many cultures, what small, often mischievous beings are said to live in nature and sometimes interact with humans?

- A) Ghosts
- B) Zombies
- C) Fairies**
- D) Vampires

22. Which Greek god is the messenger of the gods, known for his winged sandals and caduceus staff?

- A) Ares
- B) Hephaestus
- C) Hermes**
- D) Dionysus

23. The legend of the Minotaur is famously associated with a complex maze. What was this maze called?

- A) The Labyrinth**
- B) The Pantheon
- C) The Acropolis
- D) The Colosseum

24. In Japanese folklore, what are the humanoid spirits or demons associated with water, often depicted as green, amphibious creatures?

A) Kitsune

B) Tanuki

C) Kappa

D) Oni

25. What creature from Mesopotamian mythology was a composite beast, often depicted as a lion with the head and wings of an eagle?

A) Manticore

B) Griffin

C) Lamassu

D) Sphinx