

Milestones

Sept 5: 25 thumbnails,
stylistic inspiration research
(at least 3 styles) printed,
basic character profiles

Sept 7: 3 Roughs in class

Sept 21: Critique

**Sept 28: Due including all
process work**

Mythical Creature/Monster Character Development

Congratulations, you've been hired to create a mythical creature illustration. What kind of a creature is it? What is its purpose? Where does it live? Write its profile including appearance, personality, traits, skills and powers, friends, enemies, hobbies and where it lives. Write a simple story about your monster.

Look: think about scale, set it in environment that shows its scale

Consider texture and animal-like attributes. Many mythological creatures take on aspects of multiple normal animals, and thus become a more formidable composite creature. Decide on color. Create accessories.

Start possible ideas for the creature and create brief profiles to guide you. Research various illustration styles to see what would be suitable for your concepts. Bring your inspiration to class. Create 25 thumbnail sketches of at least five different creatures. Draw them from different angles, change up features, accessories, etc. Then refine 3 of the ideas further, developing each into 3 larger, more refined and detailed sketches. Try different media to see what works best for your monster. Note: you need to use some color.

Characters need developing so it will take some time to perfect the idea from the initial sketches.

Dimensions

12.5" x 16.75" or larger - Original Art size

Requirements

Piece must be full color and allow at least 1/4" bleed on all four sides (it means that there are no words or important information 1/4" around the edge. Include setting/background and accessories. You can use the computer for touch ups but the majority of work needs to be done by hand. You can incorporate the story about your character or its profile into the illustration

Resources

<http://www.wikihow.com/Create-Your-Own-Mythological-Creature>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Create-Your-Own-Monster-Character>

<https://www.pinterest.com/explore/monster-design/>

https://fog.ccsf.edu/irazumov/ill_hybrid.html