

Myths, Gods & Monsters

Six amazing figures from myth and legend

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Cyclops

A one-eyed giant from Greek mythology

Famous for: The ancient Greeks believed in monstrous giants called cyclopes who each had a single eye in the middle of their head. According to one legend, there were three cyclopes who made the lightning bolts thrown by Zeus, the king of the gods.

Medusa

Mythical Greek monster with hair made of snakes

Famous for:

Medusa had writhing snakes for hair, and her gaze would make anyone who looked at her turn to stone. She was killed by the Greek hero Perseus, who avoided Medusa's gaze by only looking at her reflection in his bronze shield.



Anubis

An ancient Egyptian god of the dead

Famous for:

One of the gods of ancient Egypt, Anubis either takes the form of a jackal or of a man with a jackal's head. He is the Egyptian god of burial and, according to legend, the inventor of embalming, the process by which mummies are made. Anubis also guides souls of the dead to the ancient Egyptian underworld.

Itzpapalotl

An Aztec warrior goddess who could appear in many forms

Famous for: A powerful goddess from ancient Aztec mythology, Itzpapalotl would guard over women during childbirth. She could appear in many forms, including as a beautiful woman and as a skeleton with the wings of a giant butterfly.



Maui

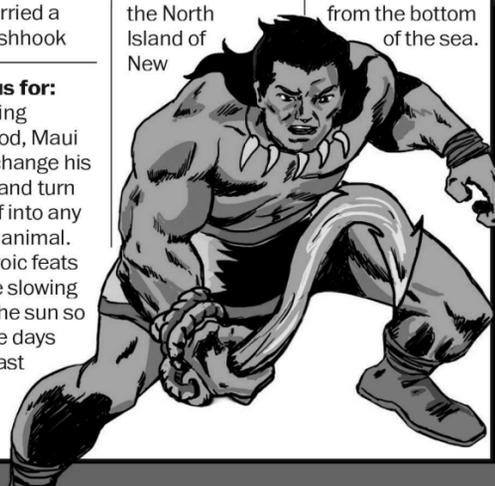
Polynesian trickster demigod who carried a giant fishhook

Famous for:

A cunning demi-god, Maui could change his shape and turn himself into any type of animal. His heroic feats include slowing down the sun so that the days could last longer and using

his fishhook to haul up what would become the North Island of New

Zealand (which is known as "the fish of Maui") from the bottom of the sea.



Golem

A clay figure from Jewish folklore who comes to life

Famous for:

Golems start out as small statues made from clay but they can be brought to life. Living golems are supernaturally strong and will always obey the commands of the person who created them, doing good or evil deeds depending on their wishes.



PUZZLES & JOKES

Stumped? Don't worry, you can find the solutions to all the puzzles at: whatonearthmag.com/answers

MUSIC WORD SEARCH

Can you spot the 12 music-related words hidden in our word search puzzle? Good luck!

O N H Q M
N K M A R I M B A
N E B E P B K A N A A
I J T L N C T D C B F N D
A L Q I K K A T L O K Z J
T Y Y L K T H E U A W R F P O
M M O G S P H B K Q Y Z C G X
D I H V S Q V O Y N D D S N U
V A J T Q J N H O Q O S B O E
C Y I U Y Y K H A A L R X S G
M S C S H P S D U E T G D
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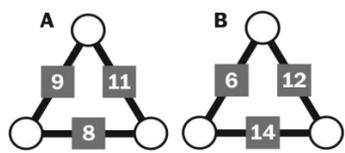
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|-------|---------|----------|
| ALBUM | MARIMBA | ROCK |
| BANJO | MELODY | SONG |
| BEAT | POP | SYMPHONY |
| DUET | RHYTHM | VIOLIN |

NUMBER TRIANGLES

In the triangles below, the numbers inside the squares are the sums of the two numbers in the connected circles. For example:



Can you figure out which number should appear in each of the circles? All the numbers in the circles are between 1 and 10 and a number can only be used once in each triangle.



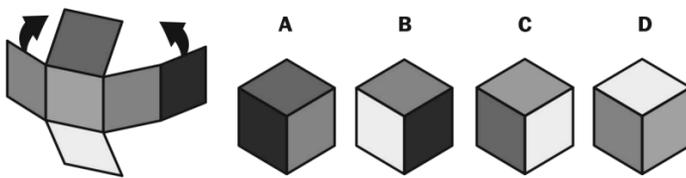
SUDOKU

Fill all the empty squares so that every row, column and 3x2 box contains each of the numbers 1 to 6.

6				1	4
	4	1		2	
1	3		4	5	
4		5			6
2	1				3

CUBE IT!

The six-sided shape on the left can be folded to form a cube. Only two of the cubes on the right can be made by it. Which are they?



What do you call a cowardly knight?

Sir Render!



What do you call a man with a lawn mower on his head?

Mo!

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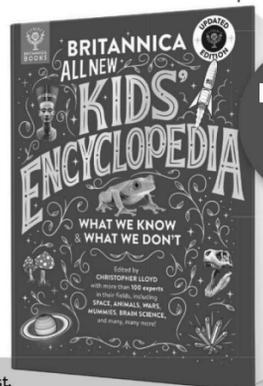
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