

Raphael



Visual Arts Response Activity



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Mythical Creatures in Art

- Print a copy of Studyladder's 'Young Woman with Unicorn' activity sheet.

Portrait of Young Woman with Unicorn Raphael

Response to "Young Woman With Unicorn"
1506, Oil on Panel, 65 cm x 61 cm (26 in x 24 in), The Borghese Gallery, Rome, Italy.

What is a mythical creature?

What do you think a unicorn looks like? Describe the physical features you think it may have.

Does it have any resemblance to creatures today? Describe the similarities and differences.

Sketch a picture of what you think a unicorn looks like.

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This identity of this portrait sitter is unknown. The painting has only recently been attributed to Raphael after restorations in the 1930s and 50s.

Restoration revealed that areas of the painting had been painted over. When this material was removed, the unicorn image was revealed. It was found that this unicorn had also been painted over an earlier image of a dog. Look carefully and you will see the dog's ears showing through the paint on the lady's sleeve.

Sketch your own imagined picture of the mythical creature - the unicorn!

