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(Answers may vary.)

Dragons are among the world's most popular mythical creatures. **beasts**

They have a long and interesting history. **fascinating**

No one is quite sure when stories of dragons first appeared. **arrived**

But in all stories from the Greeks to the early Christians they were described as huge, flying serpents. **large**

In some cultures they were useful and protective, but by medieval times they were nearly always described as harmful and dangerous. **menacing**

When people in the past unearthed large bones they mistook, what we now know to be dinosaur bones for the bones of dragons. **confused**

Most people can imagine a dragon clearly in their heads. **picture**

They are very popular in books and films from "How to Train Your Dragon" through to "The Hobbit". **movies**

They typically protect hoards of treasure such as mountains of gold. **guard**

They nearly all breathe fire and can fly into the sky with gigantic wings. **soar**