

Ancient Greek Monsters: Gorgons

The ancient Greeks told stories about monsters called gorgons. People put pictures of gorgons on their buildings and shields to frighten bad things away.

Here are two examples from inside ancient cups.

Draw your own one next to them...

This gorgon appears in the vase animation *The Symposium*.

Athenian black-figure footed cup (kylix) (Ashmolean Museum inv. no. AN1974.344), c. 500 BCE. Image © Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford.



This gorgon appears in the vase animation *Medusa*.

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