



# Pegasus

Imagine a winged, snow-white horse that can soar through the skies with ease. That's Pegasus, one of the best-known creatures in all of Greek mythology. Pegasus sprang from the neck of the monstrous Gorgon, Medusa, after the hero Perseus cut off her head. Pegasus went to live on Mount Olympus. He often carried the thunderbolts that Zeus used in war. In one famous Greek tale, Pegasus helped the hero Bellerophon kill the fire-breathing monster Chimera. Mounted on Pegasus, Bellerophon thrust a lead-tipped spear into the Chimera's mouth. The lead melted in the monster's fiery breath, and it choked to death. Bellerophon became a hero—thanks to Pegasus.