

DRAGONOLOGY

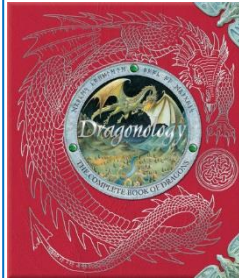
AUDIENCE: Children age 8+

PURPOSE: To inform you about dragons.



ABOUT THE BOOK:

Dragonology is a children's book series about dragons, written in a non-fictional style. The series contains information on dragons, including information about how to befriend and protect them as well as an alphabet of the dragon language.

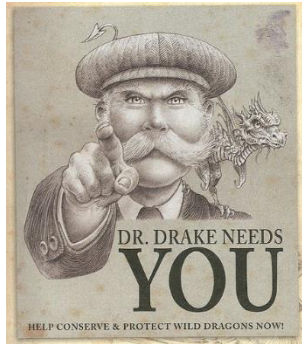


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KEY VOCAB:

Beast	Creature	Fantasy
Medieval	Snout	Venomous
Wild	Tame	Prey
Prowl	Kingdom	Mythical
Monster	Folklore	Enchanting



GRAMMAR and PUNCTUATION:

Expanded noun phrases
Brackets, dashes and commas for parenthesis.
Formal Language
Technical vocabulary
Organisational and presentation devices
Clause order
Determiners

BOOKS BY DUGALD A STEER

- The Dragonology Chronicles series
- Oceanology
- Wizardology
- Pirateology
- Mythology
- Alienology
- The Dragon Prophecy

CONTEXT:

A dragon is a large, serpentine legendary creature that appears in the folklore of many cultures around the world. Beliefs about dragons vary drastically by region, but dragons in western cultures since the High Middle Ages have often been depicted as winged, horned, four-legged, and capable of breathing fire. Dragons in eastern cultures are usually depicted as wingless, four-legged, serpentine creatures with above-average intelligence.



SEQUENCE / WRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Immersion into the text (audience and purpose)

Write comparative descriptions of two dragons

Discuss the presentational devices of the text

Formal vs Informal language

Identifying clauses and parenthesis

Write our own -ology book (Non-chronological report)

Write an argument – should dragons be allowed to roam free?

