



# CRYPTOZOLOGY

The Mysterious science of  
discovering the existence of  
*cryptids*



Cryptozoology (*krip toe zoh awl uh jee*) is the study of evidence that is meant to prove the existence of creatures that are currently seen as real. Some people call these scientists “monster hunters”, although their actual goal is to discover new species of animals. These *new species* are referred to as *cryptids*.

Again, cryptids are not monsters. These people are not looking for werewolves, or to prove that leprechauns exist! In fact, these people have been responsible for actual finding new creatures such the *pongo*, *okapi* or the *coelacanth*.

In this assignment, you are to become more informed with what it means to be a cryptozoologist by checking out a few websites. Then, you’ll try researching at least 4 of these species on your own using the internet (remember, all rules of *netiquette* applies).

Next, I would like you to write a short summary of your findings (no more than two pages). You can even try questioning what your classmates think about these creatures. Finally, I would like you to create your own illustration of what you think this animal may look like.

**Cryptozoology sites:**

<http://www.newanimal.org/>

<http://www.pibburns.com/cryptost.htm>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptozoology>

