

CYCLOPAEDIA 5 - ANTHROPOMORPHISM

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OVERVIEW

Anthropomorphism is the attribution of human characteristics onto another object or being, in this article we are focusing on the anthropomorphism of animals which is so prevalent in our myths, fables, literature, cinema, and games. Even further, this article focuses on animals who act fully human, talk, use items and often wear clothing.

Throughout history, humankind has tried to understand the animal kingdom by attributing human emotions and thoughts to the actions of the animals. We have also tried to understand ourselves by using animals as allegorical replacements for us to discuss difficult and controversial topics.

Along the way, we have found these anthropomorphic animals entertaining.

ANTHROPOMORPHIC EDGE

At the edges of anthropomorphism of animals lurks a lot of animal-like beings that are not covered in this article. These creatures do show human qualities and animal characteristics, but are so unique they have their own classifications outside the boundaries of focus for this article.

- Celestial beings such as the Egyptian gods with the heads of animals like Anubis or Hindu gods with animal shapes like Ganesha.
- Lycanthropes that can shapeshift into animals such as Werewolves.
- Magical creatures that are intelligent animals such as Dragons and Kitsune.

- Mythical creatures which are half human and half animal such as Centaurs, Mermaids, and Satyrs.

Following are sources of information pertaining to Anthropomorphism to assist prospective game masters, game designers, writers, and storytellers in knowing where to start their research.

ARTICLES

The Anthropomorphic Lens : Anthropomorphism, Microcosmism, and Analogy In Early Modern Thought and Visual Arts

By Melion, Walter

Source: Leiden, Netherlands : Brill, 2015.

Beyond Anecdotes: An Empirical Study of "Anthropomorphism"

By Morris, Paul

Source: Society and Animals, 8, no. 2 (2000): 151-165

Dickinson's Animals and Anthropomorphism

By Shackelford, Aaron

Source: The Emily Dickinson Journal, 19, no. 2 (2010): 47-66

Examining the How and Why of Anthropomorphism

By Gonnerman, Chad

Source: Metascience, v17 n3 (200811): 419-423

Furries from A to Z (Anthropomorphism to Zoomorphism)

By Gerbasi, Kathleen

Source: Society and Animals, 16, no. 3
(2008): 197-222

The Rabbit in Drag: Camp and Gender Construction in the American Animated Cartoon

By Abel, Sam

Source: The Journal of Popular Culture, v29
n3 (Winter 1995): 183-202

Responses to Animal Anthropomorphism in Advertising Based on Character Similarity to Humans

By Connell, P.M.

Source: Advances in consumer research. 38,
(2012): 617

Bloom County – comic series

By Breathed, Berkeley

Bunnacula

By Howe, James

The Cat in the Hat

By Dr. Seuss

Chronicles of Narnia

By Lewis, C.S.

Fantastic Mr. Fox

By Dahl, Roald

Frog and Toad

By Lobel, Arnold

Furries: A Guide to Anthropomorphism

By Overstreet, C.D.

Grim's Fairy Tales

By Grimm, Jacob and Grimm, Wilhelm

Guardians of Ga'hoole

By Lasky, Kathryn

Hamster Vice – comic series

By Ferguson, Dwayne

Howard the Duck – comic series

By Marvel Comics

The Island of Doctor Moreau

By Wells, H.G.

Jungle Book

By Kipling, Rudyard

Le Chat Botté (Puss in Boots)

By Perrault, Charles

BOOKS

Adolescent Radioactive Black Belt Hamsters – comic series

By Chin, Don

Aesop's Fables

By Aesop

Albedo Anthropomorphics

By Various

Alice in Wonderland

By Carroll, Lewis

Animal Farm

By Orwell, George

Anthropomorphism, Anecdotes, and Animals

By Mitchell, Robert W

Maus – graphic novel

By Spiegelman, Art

Mouse Guard – graphic novel

By Peterson, David

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH

By O'Brien, Robert

Nnews

By TenNapel, Doug

Paddington Bear

By Bond, Michael

Redwall

By Jacques, Brian

Stuart Little

By White, E.B.

Tales of Beatrix Potter

By Potter, Beatrix

Tales of Mother Goose

By Unknown

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - Comics

By Eastman, Kevin and Laird, Peter

***Thinking with Animals: New Perspectives
on Anthropomorphism***

By Daston, Lorraine and Mitman, Gregg

Usagi Yojimbo – comic series

By Sakai, Stan

Warriors

By Hunter, Erin

Watership Down

By Adams, Richard

Wicked

By Maguire, Gregory

The Wind in the Willows

By Grahame, Kenneth

Winnie-the-Pooh

By Milne, A.A.

GAMES

After the Bomb - RPG

Albedo - RPG

Book of Cairn - RPG

Bullfrogs - Tabletop Game

Bunnies & Burrows - RPG

City of Iron - Tabletop Game

Crash Bandicoot - Computer Game

Fur vs Scale - Tabletop Game

Gamma World - RPG

GURPS Uplift - RPG

The Hare & The Tortoise - Tabletop Game

Ironclaw - RPG

Jadeclaw - RPG

Kung Fu Panda - Tabletop Game

Mice & Mystics - Tabletop Game

Mouse Guard - RPG

Mutant: Genlab Alpha - RPG

Ninja Camp - Tabletop Game

Nyet! - Tabletop Game

Palladium Fantasy - RPG

Ratchet & Clank - Computer Game

Rhino Hero - Tabletop Game

Sam & Max - Computer Game

Sonic the Hedgehog – Computer Game

Star Fox - Computer Game

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles - Computer
Game, RPG, and Tabletop Game

TOON - RPG

Usagi Yojimbo - RPG

Wizards of the Wild - Tabletop Game

CINEMA

Alvin and the Chipmunks
An American Tale
Animaniacs – Cartoon
Authur – Cartoon
Berenstain Bears - Cartoon
Bedknobs and Broomsticks
A Bugs Life
Antz
Aristocats
Care Bears- Cartoon and Movie
Biker Mice from Mars - Cartoon
Chicken Run
Darkwing Duck - Cartoon
Disney Characters (Mickey Mouse, etc)
Disney's Robin Hood
Earthworm Jim
Emmet Otter's Jug Band Christmas
Fantasia
Fantastic Mr. Fox
The Great Mouse Detective
Guardians of the Galaxy (Rocket Raccoon)
Hoodwinked
The Island of Dr. Moreau
Jungle Book
Kung Fu Panda
Legend of the Guardians
The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe
Looney Tunes - Cartoon
Muppets - Movie and TV
Over the Hedge
Planet of the Apes
Puss 'n' Boots
The Rescuers
Rocky and Bullwinkle Show - Cartoon
Sam & Max - Cartoon
The Secret of NIMH
Sesame Street - TV
Shark Tale
Space Jam
Stuart Little

Tale of Despereaux
TaleSpin - Cartoon
Tank Girl
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles – Cartoon and Movie
Thundercats - Cartoon
Tom & Jerry - Cartoon
Underdog - Cartoon
Who Framed Roger Rabbit
Wicked - Musical
Yogi Bear - Cartoon
Zootopia

LOCATIONS

Anthrocon
<http://www.anthrocon.org/>

Ashdown Forest/Hundred Acre Wood
<http://www.ashdownforest.org/winnie-the-pooh/pooh.php>

GRIMM WORLD Kassel
<http://www.kassel.de/englisch/culture/museums/02136/index.html>

The World of Beatrix Potter Attraction
<http://www.hop-skip-jump.com/>

PEOPLE

Aesop
Tex Avery
Joseph Barbera
Mel Blanc
Walt Disney
Brothers Grim
William Hanna
Chuck Jones
C.S. Lewis