

DRAGONS IN THE WILD

Rolling up the scroll, you place it and your notebook in your backpack. It's time to set out in search of a real dragon! You've learned a few things about dragons from the scroll, so you have a general idea of where one might be lurking.



After a few days of hard travel, you reach what you think might be a dragon's habitat. Although it's spring, it's unusually cold in the little valley you found, and it's filled with freezing fog that looks like it's here to stay. You set up camp in a nearby uninhabited cave, unpacking a warm tent, sleeping bag, and boots lined with fur. You also cast a spell you found in the scroll to reduce the chance of the dragon locating you. Without the spell, the dragon will likely know you are there before you even catch a glimpse of it. Then, you pull out your notebook and settle in to observe.

You have studied the dragon for several weeks, and now it's time to introduce yourself!

TASK ONE

Identify the dragon. Look at the clues around you. What type of dragon do you think lives here? (Hint: It's one of the dragons on the scroll!)

TASK TWO

Think about what you learned about this dragon, and what you know about animal behavior and habitats. Observe the dragon and record field notes in your notebook for each category below.

- Habitat: _____

- Food: _____

- Magical abilities: _____

- Physical attributes: _____

- Treasure: _____

TASK THREE

Continue to observe the dragon. Sketch it on the back of this sheet.



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