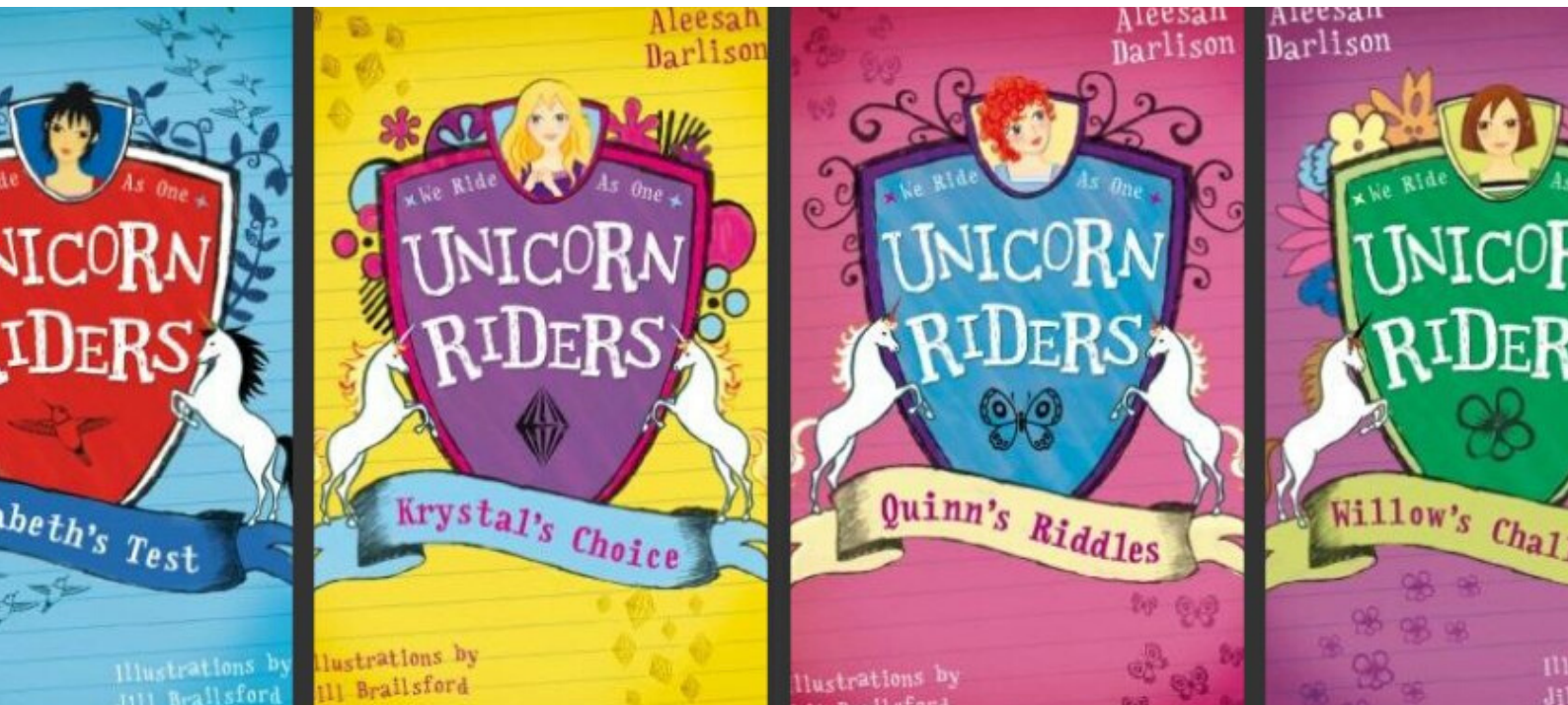


Unicorn Riders

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Unicorn Riders is a fabulous fantasy adventure series for readers aged eight and over. There are eight books in the series. The stories are set in the magical, mystical kingdom of Avamay. The Unicorn Riders protect their people with courage and skill. They ride as one. There are four Riders and each is assigned to care for a unicorn that is as unique as they are. The Riders are: Willow, Quinn, Krystal and Ellabeth. The unicorns are: Obecky, Ula, Estrella and Fayza. The Unicorn Riders' motto is: WE RIDE AS ONE! The books are beautifully illustrated by Jill Brailsford.

Buy the books at www.aleesahdarlison.com



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Writing Exercises

The slogan of the Unicorn Riders is, “We ride as one”. What do you think this means? In what ways do we see the Unicorn Riders riding “as one” in the books? Think about your own friends or family. When have you had to “ride as one”, or show loyalty to each other? Make up a slogan for your own friendship group or family and design a banner featuring this slogan.

Quinn’s unicorn, Ula, has the ability to communicate with her telepathically, or by using mind messages. Imagine that you had a pet which was able to communicate with you in this way. Write a dialogue between you and your pet and perform it to the class.



Research & Writing Activity

Research unicorns on the internet. What are some of the beliefs people have about them? Use this information, and any information from the books, to create an instructional list for new Unicorn Riders entitled “Caring For Your Unicorn”.

Caring For Your Unicorn

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Character Analysis Exercise

There are four main girl characters in the Unicorn Riders: Quinn, Willow, Krystal, and Ellabeth. Each girl has their own unique appearance (how they look), outfit, and a distinct personality.

Using the table below, create a brand new Unicorn Rider character. Then draw them with their unicorn. Don't forget to give the unicorn a name too!

Name:

Uniform Colour:

**Physical Appearance
(what they look like):**

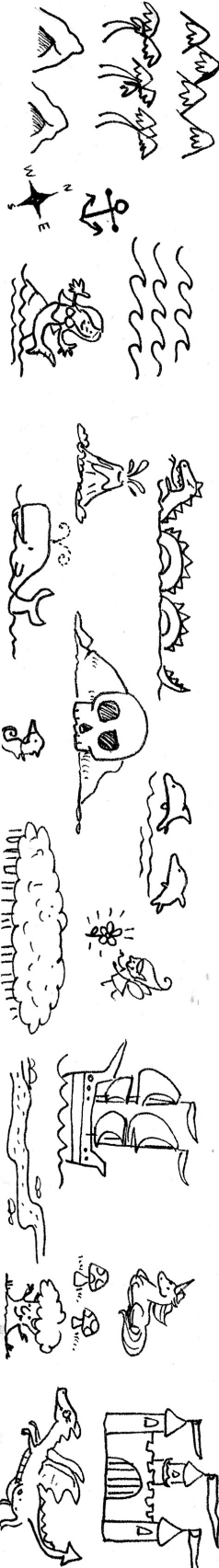
Personality:

Draw your Rider and their unicorn here

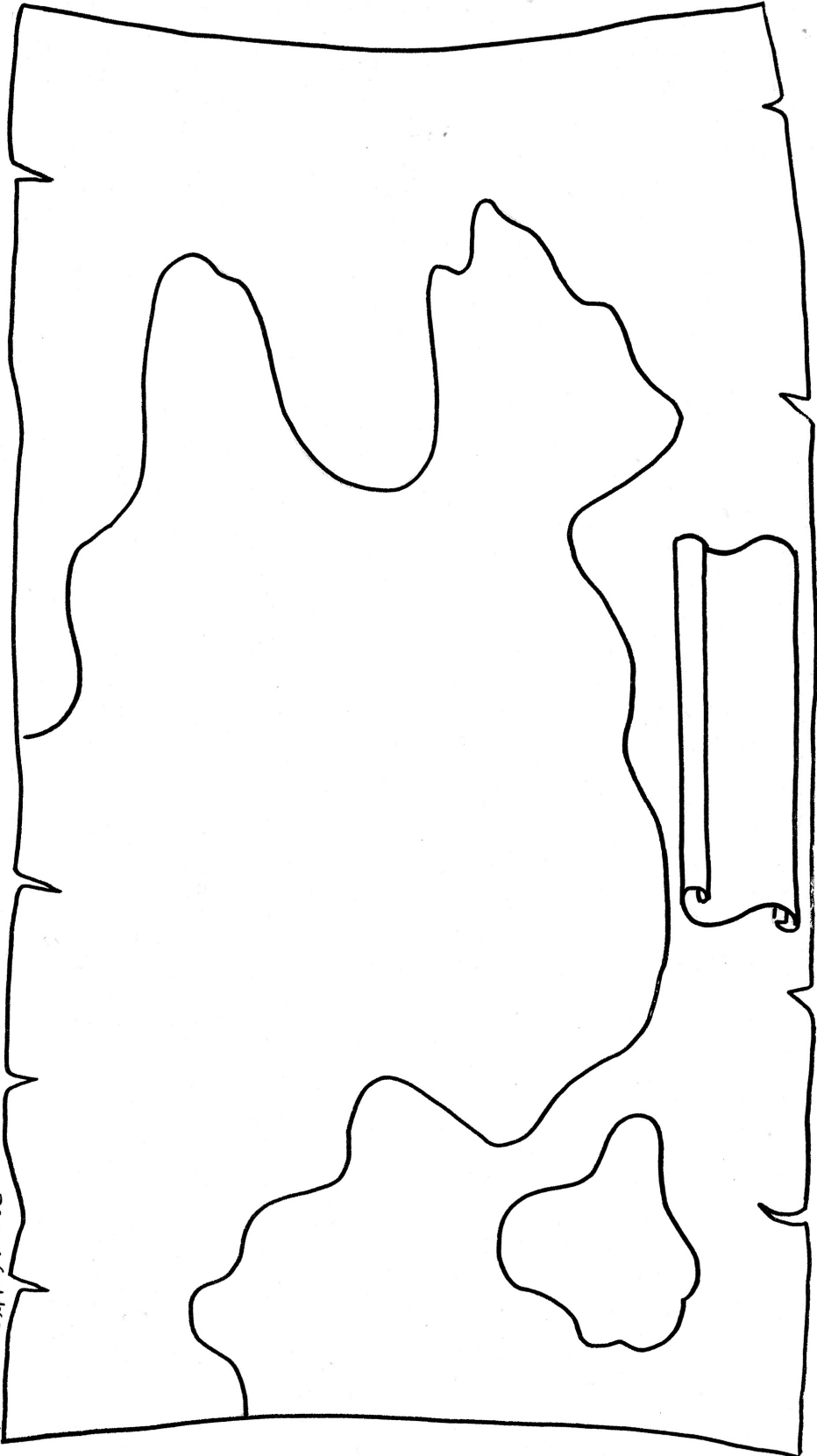


World Building Exercise

The Unicorn Riders live in the magical fantasy world of Avamay. Have a go at creating your own magical kingdom. Give it a name and add important landmarks to your map, such as caves, castles, volcanoes, rivers and towns. You can use the legend down below to guide you or create your own landmarks.



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Make Your Own Unicorn Horn Craft

The Unicorn Riders live in the magical fantasy world of Avamay. Have a go at creating your own magical kingdom. Give it a name and add important landmarks to your map, such as caves, castles, volcanoes, rivers and towns. You can use the legend down below to guide you or create your own landmarks.

Materials: □

- Coloured Cardboard/Cardstock paper □
- Craft glue □
- Glitter □
- Coloured ribbons □
- Plastic (craft) flatback rhinestones, various colours □
- Small paint/craft brush □
- Thin elastic



Instructions:

1. Make a cone shape with cardboard/cardstock paper. Glue the paper along the fold and hold until set. This becomes your unicorn horn.
2. Punch holes either side of the unicorn horn and thread a length of thin elastic through each hole, tying at each end.
3. Brush glue over the unicorn horn.
4. Sprinkle glitter onto the horn (do this over a paper plate to catch the excess).
5. Wrap two or three pieces of ribbon around the horn starting at the tip and working your way down. Space the ribbons a few centimetres apart as you spiral down to the base of the horn. Make sure the ribbon sticks firmly to the glue.
6. Place various coloured rhinestones at intervals on the unicorn horn.

Then you're all set!

