

WEREWOLVES

Werewolves are humans that are said to turn into wolves on nights when the full moon is out. Werewolves evolved from European folktales, but stories of shapeshifters, or beings that can change into other forms of life, have been told since ancient times. Once transformed, a werewolf will hunt for human prey with his excellent hunting capabilities: the instincts of an animal combined with the logic and reasoning of a human. It is said that if you are bitten by a werewolf, you will become one as well. The most common way of defending yourself against a werewolf is to expose it to pure silver.

LOCAL FOLKLORE:

The Beast of Bray Road.

In the 1980s, citizens of a small town in Wisconsin began claiming to see a wolf-like beast in the forests along a rural road. Reports of sightings dropped off a long time ago, but it remains a favorite local legend and a scary story, especially around Halloween!



CELEBRITY WEREWOLF:

Lon Chaney, Jr. in 1941's *The Wolf Man*. *The Wolf Man* was released in the early 1940s and helped popularize monster movies during that time period. *The Wolf Man* is mostly remembered for using special effects that were groundbreaking at the time. Movies about werewolves had been made before, but none had ever shown the man's transformation to wolf on screen because filmmakers couldn't make it look realistic.



COSTUME PLANNER

What do werewolves wear? Draw a picture of yourself in costume as a werewolf for Halloween. Write the names of the materials you will use to make your costume on the lines below.
