

# Unicorns are the WORST!

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**Synopsis:** Gilbert is a busy goblin. He is documenting spells, gathering ingredients for spells, and alphabetizing ingredients for spells. No distractions. No worries. Until (ugh!) unicorns move on next door. All their frolicking and glitter and pointiness and glitter and playfulness and did I mention...glitter? Can Gilbert EVER find anything decent about his unicorn neighbors?

**Suggested Reading Date:** Week of September 28<sup>th</sup> – National Neighbor Day or week of April 9<sup>th</sup> – National Unicorn Day

### Activity Descriptions:

- Have the students write a sequel – either from the unicorns' point of view of Gilbert or Gilbert's view of the dragon! Have them list three things that would be annoying to that character. They could illustrate it too!
- Make a list of appropriate neighborhood values for you and your neighbors.
- Using the Natural Beach website – pick a unicorn project.

### Related Websites:

- Alex Willan's Website: <https://www.alexwillan.com/>
- National Unicorn Day Website: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-unicorn-day/>
- National Neighbor Day Website: <https://nationaltoday.com/national-neighbor-day/>
- The Novel Neighbor – Alex Willan reads *Unicorns are the Worst*. He also joins Sherri Duskey Rinker in an interview. Read aloud starts at 3:20 video mark and ends at 7:23. The interview of the two authors starts at 15:47 and the talk about the development of *Revver* story they worked on together.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmOkZTLYwaw>
- Natural Beach Living – Unicorn activities, crafts, printables:  
<https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/unicorn-activities-crafts-printables-and-party-ideas/>
- Unicorn Printable Words Search: <http://allfreeprintable.com/unicorn-word-search>
- WordsUp – Mythical Creature Word Search: <https://wordsup.co.uk/word-search/Mythical-Creatures>
- Simon and Schuster – Unicorns are the Worst printables and activities:  
[https://d28hgpr18am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged\\_assets/6167517/9781534453838\\_as \[unicorns%20are%20the%20worst!%20activities\].pdf](https://d28hgpr18am2if.cloudfront.net/tagged_assets/6167517/9781534453838_as_[unicorns%20are%20the%20worst!%20activities].pdf)

### Text to Text Connections:

*Unicorn Thinks He's So Great* by Bob Shea, *Dragons are the Worst* by Alex Willan, *Never let a Unicorn Scribble* by Diane Albers, *Unicorn Day: A Magical Kindness Book For Children* by Diana Murray, *Unicorn and Horse* by David Miles, *You Don't Want a Unicorn* by Ame Dyckman, *Nobody Likes a Goblin* by Ben Hatke, *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblins* by Eric Kimmel

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