

# Personal Coat of Arms Activity

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## Introduction

In the Middle Ages, nobles and knights were usually identified by their Coat of Arms. They were used on the battlefield to identify a person's friends and foes, and were often in the shape of a shield. The symbols used on a coat of arms were chosen carefully to reflect an individual's character and entire family. The study of the symbols, colors and patterns used in a coat of arms is known as heraldry.



## Directions

You will create your own coat of arms based on your hobbies, personality, character and family. Read through the list of colors, animals, and symbols below. Determine which combination best “reflects” who you and your family are. Can you think of more animals or symbols that you could use on your coat of arms?

Include the following information on your Coat of Arms.

1. Symbol(s)/picture(s) to represent an important place
2. Symbol(s)/picture(s) to represent a hobby/activity
3. An animal or animals that represent you
4. Any other symbol or picture that represents you
5. Include a “personal motto” (words or a phrase the represent you) at the top

### Heraldic Colors Examples

Yellow or Gold – Generosity  
White/Silver – Peace & Sincerity  
Black – Constancy & Grief  
Blue – Loyalty & Truthfulness  
Red – Military Fortitude  
Green – Hope, Joy & Loyalty  
Purple – Royal Majesty, Sovereignty & Justice  
Orange – Worthy ambition or goal

### Heraldic Animals Examples

Bear – Protectiveness  
Bee – Industriousness  
Camel – Perseverance  
Dog – Loyalty  
Dragon – Defender of Treasure  
Eagle – Leadership & Decisiveness  
Falcon or Hawk – Eagerness  
Fox – Cleverness  
Griffin – (part eagle, part lion) – Bravery  
Horse – Readiness to Serve  
Lion – Courage  
Pelican – Generosity & Devotion  
Raven – Constancy  
Snake – Ambition  
Elk or Deer – Peace & Harmony  
Tiger – Fierceness & Valor  
Unicorn – Extreme Courage  
Wolf – Constant Vigilance

### Heraldic Symbols Examples

Axe – Dutiful  
Crescent – Enlightenment  
Crosses – Christian sentiments  
Crown – Authority  
Fire – Enthusiasm  
Flaming Heart – Passion  
Hand – Faith & Justice  
Heart – Sincerity  
Horns & Antlers – Fortitude  
Lightning – Decisiveness  
Moon – Serenity  
Oyster Shell – Traveler  
Ring – Fidelity  
Scepter – Justice  
Star – Nobility  
Sun – Glory  
Sword – Warlike  
Castle – Protectiveness

Go Here for Many More Heraldic colors, animals & symbols for ideas:

- <http://www.familytreesandcrests.com/heraldry-symbols.htm>
- <https://www.fleurdelis.com/meanings.htm>
- <https://www.shieldandcrest.com/blog/list-of-heraldic-symbols-and-their-meanings-a-through-k.html>

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What are some importance places for you? What symbols represent these places?

What are your favorite hobbies/activities? What symbols represent these activities?

What is an animal/animals that represent you? Why did you choose those?

What else is important to you and should be represented in your Coat of Arms? What color best represents you?

Ideas for a personal motto?