

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?