

Welcome to the History department



Do you have the following qualities to be a medieval knight?

- Are you brave
- Wise with your money
- Choose your friends wisely

















Medieval Knights had to have all these qualities plus many more such as:

- Always being prepared for battle
- Seeking revenge if insulted

These qualities fell under a code called chivalry.

Coat of Arms Colours and Symbols

| Yellow or Gold | White or Silver | Red | Blue | Purple | Orange | Green | Black |
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| Generosity | Purity and light | Strength in battle | Truth and loyalty | Royalty and justice | Ambition | Joy and hope | Grief and sadness |

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|  | Anchor Hope and steadfastness |  | Dragon Defender of treasure |
|  | Arrow Ready for battle |  | Falcon Not stopping until you reach your goal |
|  | Bear Protection of your family |  | Fleur-de-lis Purity and light |
|  | Bee Hard work |  | Harp Person of fair judgement |
|  | Castle Safety and protection |  | Heart Charity and love towards others |
|  | Cinqufoil Hope and joy |  | Lightning bolt Speed and power |
|  | Cross Faith in God |  | Lion Bravery and strength |
|  | Deer Peace, not fighting unless provoked |  | Star A noble person, excellence |

But once a knight put on their armour how could they tell what sides they were on? - Their armour was patterned.

- Armour had to follow a rule of heraldry - complex meanings of patterns.
- Patterns all meant something.
- Designs could use up to five colours.
- Shields were divided into basic shape patterns.
- They all had a charge - an image that represented something about them or their family.

We at DCC's History department would like you to design and make your own medieval knight's shield including a coat of armour. We would like this to follow the strict rules of heraldry and can either be done by drawing a template of a shield and decorating or why not make a 3D model out of cardboard! Please share pictures of your shields with us!

Did you know?

William the Conqueror first brought knights to England in 1066 to fight King Harold. In return he gave the title of a knight.