

# History Transition task: Create your Coat of Arms

## Background

In the Medieval period, when a knight would put his armour on, he looked the same as any other knight. In order to avoid being killed by his own men during the battle, knights decorated their shields. The designs were made up of special pictures, patterns or colours. This design was known as a Coat of Arms and the design of these shields is known as 'Heraldry'. The Coat of Arms was a knight's personal badge and had to be easy to recognise. They started in the 12<sup>th</sup> century and would be properly granted to someone with your surname many hundreds of years ago...



Blue = loyal

Crown = leader

Silver = peace and harmony



An example of a coat of arms. This represents your History teacher Mr Padley.

Griffin = brave and courageous

Diamond = hard worker

## Some colours, symbols and animals had special meaning when use on Coats of Arms.

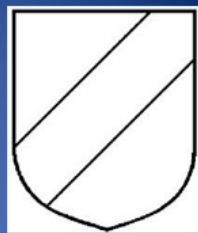
Bravery	Red, Griffin (part eagle part lion), Unicorn, Lion, Tiger, Dragon, swords, horns, antlers		
Kind	Bear, Pelican		
Loyal	Blue, Dog, Wolf, Horse, Axe, Ring		
Hard working	Bees, Camel, Diamond		
Ambitious	Snake		
Enthusiasm	Falcon, Hawk, Fire		
Clever/ Wisdom	Fox, Grasshopper, Cubes, Dice, Crescent		
Leader	Purple, Eagle, Crown, Bridge		
Trustworthy	Raven, Gold Circle		
Peace & Harmony	White, Silver, Stag, Elk, Deer, Moon		
Grace	Purple, Mermaid		
Beauty	Peacock, Butterfly		
Honest/ Truthful	Blue, Hand, Heart		
Generous	Yellow, Gold		

## Task

Have a go at creating your own Coat of Arms. Follow these steps:

1. Decide on your basic pattern
2. Decide what colours you would like to use
3. Decide what symbols you would like to use on your shield
4. Make it! You can use the template or create your own.

Remember the colours and symbols you use will symbolise and represent who you are!



## Basic patterns



