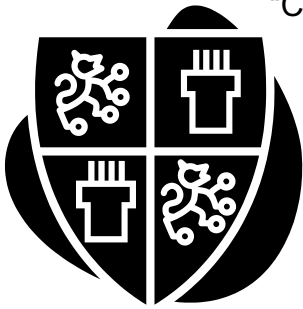


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“Creative During Quarantine” Create Your Own Coat of Arms OPTIONAL Project



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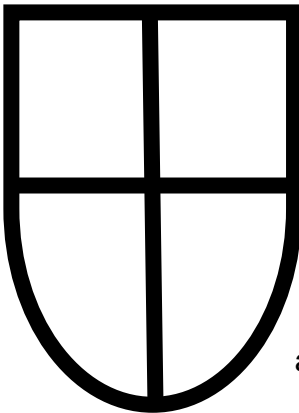
During the Middle Ages, knights used a coat of arms to identify themselves in warfare. One man in armor looked a lot like another, so the coat of arms was used to identify a knight in battle. In Medieval times, only a few people could read and write, so pictures were very important. A coat of arms was like label for instant identification. You wanted to know instantly who was coming toward you, so you could know which side he was on. Coats of arms later became a way of showing membership in the aristocracy, after they lost their significance in warfare.

Only the oldest son would inherit his father's coat of arms unchanged; his younger brothers would usually add a symbol to show who they were. The symbol a younger son added was often a smaller picture placed in the middle of the shield. When a woman married, the coat of arms of her family was often added to her husband's arms. Sometimes the arms were divided into parts. In this case, the man's family coat of arms was in the upper left quarter (as you look at the coat of arms) and lower right, while the woman's family's arms were in the other two quarters. Shields are generally "read" like a book, starting at the upper left, going across and then down.

A coat of arms can have several parts. The main part is a shield, which can have a crest above it, a motto, and animals supporting the shield.

How To Create Your Own Coat of Arms

Complete this at your own pace, without stress. Aim to complete this a little at a time by May 15, 2020.

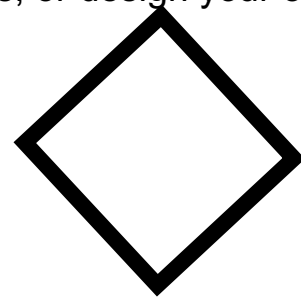
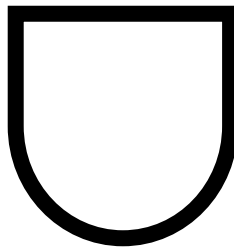
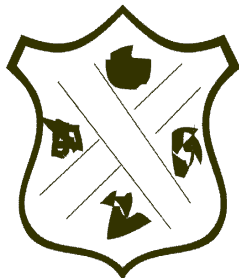


Step 1: Choose a shield design. Use materials you have at home to draw and/or cut out a shield. You could use paper, cardboard, plasterboard, poster board, a pizza box... be creative!

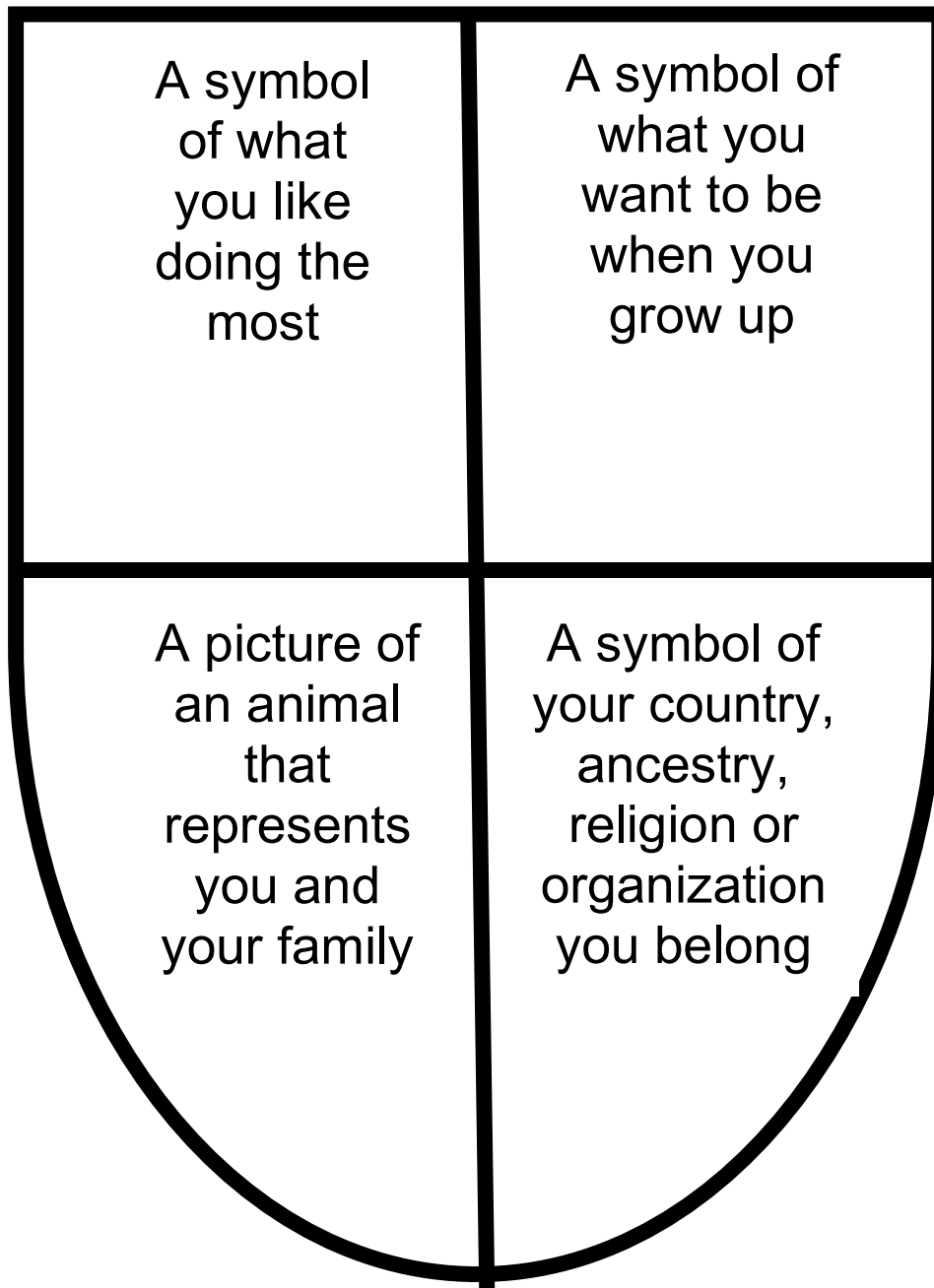
Step 2: Choose four emblems for each section of your shield, which represent you. **BE CREATIVE!** Use different materials and methods such as construction paper, photographs, pictures from magazines, your own drawings, tin foil, etc. Be creative and **use resources you have right in your home**. Make your shield a representation of who you are, and make it as creative and interesting as you can!

Step 3: On a separate paper, write a paragraph explaining why you chose the emblems you chose, and what about you they represent. You should write a paragraph (at least 4 sentences) about each emblem you chose.

You can use any of these shapes for your Coat of Arms, or design your own!



Divide up your shield into four sections (as below), and design an image/graphic/pattern for each section:



After you design and complete your Coat of Arms, on a separate paper, write a paragraph describing the images you chose to represent you and why you chose them for each section.

This is meant to be a FUN, creative, relaxing project, using the tools and resources we have available to us now. Be creative and have fun! There is no right or wrong way to make your Coat of Arms during this quarantine! Use what you have around the house, and have fun with it. When you're done, take a picture of your finished Coat of Arms (if you can) and send it to atomala@nfschools.net.

Animal Characteristics

Alligator - aggression, survival, adaptability
Ant - team player, worker
Armadillo - active, nocturnal, protection
Bat - guardian of the night, cleaner
Bear - power, adaptability
Bear Paw - strength, mobility
Beaver - builder, gather
Bobcat - fierce, loner intensity
Brontosaurus - harmless giant
Buffalo - sacredness, life builder
Buffalo Skull - sacredness, reverence for life
Bull - strength, warning
Butterfly - metamorphosis, carefree, transformer
Camel - weary, enduring
Cat - independence, grace, healing
Cougar - leadership, courage
Cow - patience, stoicism
Coyote - prankster, insight, playful
Crane - solitude, independence
Deer - love, gentleness, kindness
Dog - loyalty, protection
Dolphin - kindness, play, bridge man to ocean
Dove - love, peace, gentleness
Dragon - wisdom, nobility
Dragonfly - flighty, carefree
Eagle - divine spirit, connection to creator
Elephant - long life, self-preservation
Elk - strength, agility, freedom
Fox - cunning, provider, intelligence
Frog - connection with water element
Giraffe - watchfulness, mobility
Goat - stubborn, omnivorous
Goose - faithful, communicative, traveler
Gorilla - brute strength, adaptability
Grizzly Bear - hunter, nature's pharmacist
Hawk - messenger, stopper of time
Hippo - linking water and earth, survival
Hopi Hand - life, creative, healing
Horse - stamina, mobility, strength
Hummingbird - messenger, stopper of time
Kangaroo - feisty, fun loving
Lion - power, strength, respect
Lizard - conservation, agility
Loon - solitude, song, romance
Manatee - peaceable, unassuming
Mastodon - lumbering giant
Monkey - playfulness, agility
Moose - headstrong, unstoppable, longevity
Mouse - timid, secretive, and sneaky
Orca - focus, power
Ostrich - fickle, fast moving
Otter - laughter, curiosity, truth, patience
Owl - wisdom, perseverance
Panda - playful, kindness
Pegasus - carrier of lightning
Pelican - ever watchful, grace
Penguin - playful, loving
Pheasant - confidence, attraction, perseverance
Pig - intelligence, hunger
Polar Bear - fearlessness, power
Pterodactyl - wing finger
Quail - sacred spiral, ceremonial, Holy
Rabbit - alertness, resourceful
Raccoon - bandit, shy, determination
Ram - new beginning, teacher, hoarder
Raptor - speedy thief
Raven - trickster, mischievous
Rhino - durability, strength
Road Runner - speed, agility, cleverness
Salmon - instinct, persistence, determination
Scorpion - defense, self-protection
Seahorse - confidence, grace
Shark - hunter, survival
Skunk - wary, conspicuous, and intense
Snake - shrewdness, transformation
Spider - creative, pattern of life
Squirrel - trusting, innocence
Steer Skull - silent testimony
Stegosaurus - the covered lizard
Swan - grace, balance, festive
Thunderbird - caller of rain
Turkey - smart, elusive
Turtle - self - contained creative source
Unicorn - redemption, salvation
Water Buffalo - great strength, hard working
Whale - wisdom, power, cleanser
Wolf - loyalty, success, perseverance
Wolf Paw - freedom, success, guidance
Zebra - family-oriented, alert
Zuni Bear - good health