Personal Coat of Arms

*In the Middle Ages, individuals were identified by their Coat of Arms. As they were used on the battlefield to identify a person’s friends and foes, they were often in the shape of a shield. The symbols used on coats of arms were chosen carefully to represent an individual or an entire family. The study of the symbols, colors and patterns used in Coats of Arms is known as heraldry.*

**Design your own Coat of Arms**

*Create your own COAT of ARMS based on your hobbies, personality, character and family. Read through the list of colors, animals and symbols shown below—which represent you?*

*Can you think of more animals or symbols that you could use on your Coat of Arms?*

***Include the following information on your own Coat of Arms****.*

 *1. A symbol / picture to represent an important place.*

*2. A symbol / picture to represent a hobby / activity*

*3. An animal that represents you*

*4. Any other symbol or picture that represents you.*

*5. Include a Personal Motto (words or a phrase that represent you) at the top*

Heraldic Colors

Yellow or Gold - Generosity

White / Silver - Peace & Sincerity Black - Constancy & Grif

Blue - Loyalty & Truthfulness

Red - Military Fortitude Green - Hope, Joy & Loyalty Purple - Sovereignty & Justice

Heraldic Animals

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

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What are some important places for you? What symbols represent these places? What are your favorite hobbies / activities? What symbols represent these activities? What is an animal that represents you? Why?

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

