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:

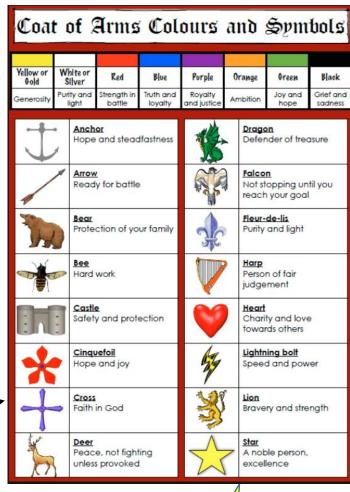
- Always being prepared for battle
- Seeking revenge if insulted

These qualities fell under a code called chivalry.

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 <u>five</u> colours.
- Shields were divided into <u>basic shape</u> 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.