

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

- Are you brave?
- Are you wise with your money?
- Do you choose your friends carefully?




Medieval knights had to have all these qualities, as well as:

- Always being prepared for battle
- Seeking revenge if insulted

These qualities fell under a code called chivalry.

Once a knight put on their armour, they had to be able to tell others whose side they were on. To do this their armour and shields were patterned.

- Armour had to follow a rule of complex meanings and patterns called heraldry.
- Patterns and colours had meanings.
- Designs could use up to 5 colours.
- Shields were divided into basic shapes
- Each shape had a charge which was an image that represented something about them or their family
- Often their shields would be incorporated into a larger design called a Coat of arms

Coat of Arms Colours and Symbols							
Yellow or Gold	White or Silver	Red	Blue	Purple	Orange	Green	Black
Generosity	Purity and light	Strength in battle	Truth and loyalty	Royalty and justice	Ambition	Joy and hope	Grief and sadness
	<b>Anchor</b> Hope and steadfastness		<b>Dragon</b> Defender of treasure				
	<b>Arrow</b> Ready for battle		<b>Falcon</b> Not stopping until you reach your goal				
	<b>Bear</b> Protection of your family		<b>Fleur-de-lis</b> Purity and light				
	<b>Bee</b> Hard work		<b>Harp</b> Person of fair judgement				
	<b>Castle</b> Safety and protection		<b>Heart</b> Charity and love towards others				
	<b>Cinquefol</b> Hope and joy		<b>Lightning bolt</b> Speed and power				
	<b>Cross</b> Faith in God		<b>Lion</b> Bravery and strength				
	<b>Deer</b> Peace, not fighting unless provoked		<b>Star</b> A noble person, excellence				

### Did you know?

William the Conqueror first brought knights to England in 1066 to fight King Harold.

### The Coat of Arms of Tameside



### The Coat of Arms of Greater Manchester



### The Coat of Arms of Henry VIII



### History Challenge:

The history department at Denton Community College would like you to design and make your own medieval knight's shield, including a 'Coat of Arms' following the strict rules of heraldry. We would like either a drawing of a decorated shield or a 3D model out of cardboard. Please share pictures of your designs / shields with us via [info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk](mailto:info@dentoncommunitycollege.org.uk) and the closing date for entries is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021.