

# Design your own Medieval Shield

Knights and nobles in Medieval Times often had a coat of arms on their shield. A coat of arms was a symbol that represented their family.

Bright colours were used and they all had meaning. For example:

White—Truth, Peace

Blue—Loyalty, Strength

Black— Wisdom

Gold—Power, Splendour

Green—Abundance, Hope

Red—Warrior

Purple—Regal, Majesty

Orange—Ambition

Animals used on shields also had meaning:

Bear—Protector of the family

Griffin—Valour

Butterfly—Peace

Horse—Ready to do battle

Crab—Patience and cunning

Lion—Brave as a lion

Dragon—Courage

Owl—Wisdom

Falcon—Action

Snake—Wisdom and medicine

Fox—Intelligent

Tiger—Courage

Unicorn—Courage

Objects also had meaning:

Anchor— Hope

Ivy—Eternal life

Arrow— Readiness

Moon—Serenity

Axe—Duty

Spear— Service to others

Book—Learning and Wisdom

Stars—Nobility

Castle—Safety

Sun—Glory

Dagger—Honour in battle

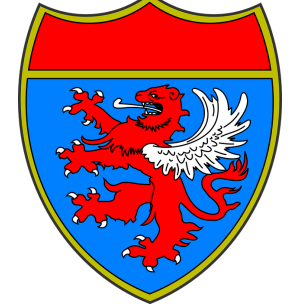
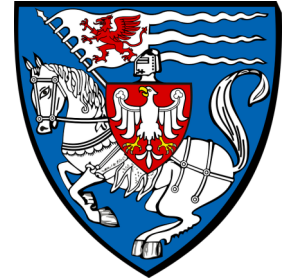
Sword—Honour in battle

Horseshoe—Goodluck

Wavy Lines—Sea or Water

Use the template on the next page to draw your own family coat of arms. Use the ideas above as a guide. You might include your own animals, colours or symbols.

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