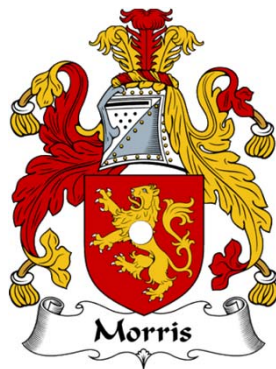


Welcome to the History Department at De La Salle!



What are we doing today?

Today, we are going to be learning about heraldry and by the end of the lesson, we are all going to have produced our own coat of arms that represents us!



What is heraldry and how did it begin?

Heraldry: Creating a coat of arms so that knights could be recognised.

Why do you think they had coat of arms rather than just a name?

Many people could not read or write in the Middle Ages, so they used heraldry as a way to identify themselves and their families.



The coat of arms showed a persons rank in society.

Where can you still see coat of arms?

St Helens
Council



Where can you still see coat of arms?

The Queen



Where can you still see coat of arms?

Football Clubs

These aren't traditional coat of arms but they use important symbols linking to their club/town.



Did you know..?

- If someone took a man's coat of arms the man could be charged that person would be executed immediately; without any clothes as the highest form of embarrassment.
- For every son there was a different symbol used.
- The oldest son would inherit the family coat of arms and the other sons would alter the designs for their families.
- When two people married they would combine their coat of arms in half or merge them to make a 3D effect.



Create your own coat of arms!

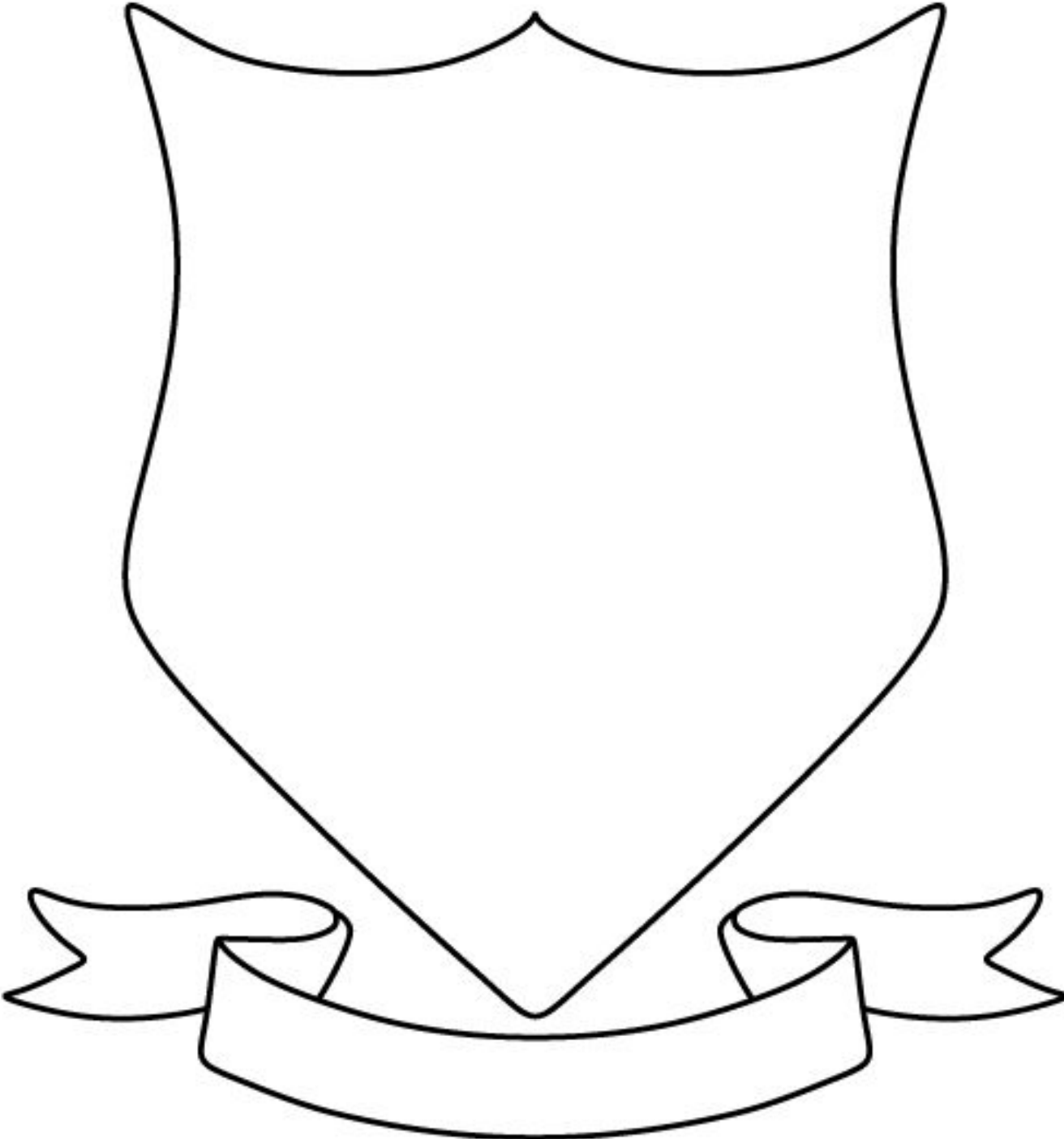
Step 1: Choose your colours!

Step 2: Divide your shield.

Step 3: Add an 'ordinary' This is a stripe that will be either silver or gold.

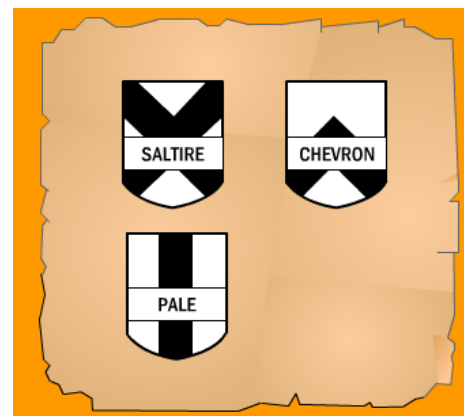
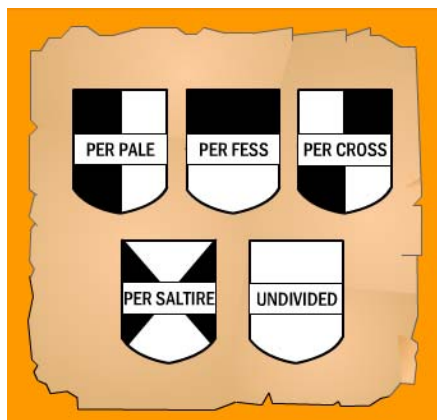
Step 4: Choose your symbols – which ones best represent you?





Choose your colours and patterns -

- Yellow/gold = Generosity
- White/silver = Peace and sincerity
- Red = Warrior; Military strength
- Blue = Truth and loyalty
- Green = Hope, joy, loyalty, in love
- Black = Constant grief
- Purple = royal majesty and justice
- Orange = worthy ambition



Choose your symbols -

Axe – Dutiful

Bear – Protective

Bee – Hard working

Crescent (*half-moon*) - Clever

Crosses - Religious

Crown – Authority

Dragon – Bravery, courage and strength

Eagle – Leadership

Fire – Zeal, very keen

Flaming Heart – Passion

Fox - Intelligence

Hand - Faith, sincerity & justice

Heart - Sincerity

Horns & Antlers – Bravery

Lightning – Decisiveness

Lion - Courage

Moon – Calm

Ring – Loyalty

Snake – Ambition

Star - Nobility

Sun - Glory

Sword - Warlike

Tower or Castle - Protectiveness

