

Knights & Castles



A long time ago, the castle was a fortress that protected a lord and his family. It was also home and community for the many people who lived inside and nearby.

Knights fought for their lords in battle to keep their castles and people safe. The sword and lance were the two weapons the knights used most often. Knights also wore thick metal armor to protect themselves.

Tournaments were held to keep the knights in shape while there was no war. The jousting event was the most famous where the knights tried to knock each other off their horses.

The coat of arms is a very important part of a knight's banner. Every knight had a different design that represented what family he was in. The designs could be animals, stripes, crosses, or even stars.



1. Knights fought for their _____ in battle.
2. What is jousting? _____

3. The coat of arms represents the knight's _____.
4. Two designs for a coat of arms might be _____
and _____.

****Design a coat of arms for your family.**

