

Advanced Heraldic Zoology and Botany

Heraldry · Answer Key · 12 Questions

1. In heraldry, what specific type of avian creature is typically depicted when the term 'eagle' or 'eagle' is used without further qualification, implying a specific, powerful stance?

- A) A swan in its full glory
- B) A falcon in mid-flight
- C) An eagle displayed**
- D) A kingfisher with a fish

2. Which of these aquatic creatures, often associated with the sea's bounty, is frequently used in heraldry to represent resilience and swiftness, particularly in its 'naiant' or swimming posture?

- A) A narwhal with its tusk
- B) A dolphin**
- C) A giant squid
- D) A manatee

3. The heraldic term 'trentfoil' refers to a stylized representation of what botanical element, symbolizing fecundity and often found in architectural ornamentation as well as armory?

- A) A five-petaled rose
- B) A three-leafed clover**
- C) A cluster of three acorns
- D) A sprig of rosemary

4. When a heraldic beast is described as 'armed' or 'langued', what specific parts of the animal are being referred to?

- A) The mane and tail
- B) The claws and tongue**
- C) The eyes and ears
- D) The hooves and horns

5. What is the heraldic term for a representation of a bee, which is often used to symbolize diligence and industry, famously appearing on the coat of arms of Napoleon Bonaparte?

- A) Apiary
- B) Apis**
- C) Mell
- D) Drone

6. In heraldry, a 'woodbine' is a stylized representation of what specific flowering plant, often coiled and entwined, symbolizing beauty and aspiration?

A) Honeysuckle

B) Wisteria

C) Clematis

D) Morning glory

7. The heraldic 'annulet' is a simple circular ring. In relation to natural elements, what does it most commonly represent when found as a charge?

A) A celestial body, like the moon

B) A gemstone, like a diamond

C) A droplet of water

D) A seed pod

8. Which heraldic beast, when depicted as 'rampant', stands on its hind legs with forepaws raised, suggesting a fierce and active posture, and is often associated with the wild feline species?

A) A wolf

B) A bear

C) A lion

D) A stag

9. The heraldic term 'fess' denotes a horizontal band. In the context of natural phenomena, what does a 'wavey' fess often represent?

A) A river or stream

B) A mountain range

C) A cloud formation

D) A gust of wind

10. What specific type of tree, known for its durability and evergreen nature, is a common charge in heraldry, often depicted with its foliage and sometimes its fruit?

A) Oak

B) Pine

C) Fir

D) Yew

11. The heraldic depiction of a 'mullet' is a five-pointed star. What natural object or phenomenon is often cited as its original inspiration in heraldry?

A) A comet

B) A dewdrop

C) A spark from a fire

D) A snowflake

12. When a heraldic bird is described as 'volant', what action is it performing?

- A) Standing on a perch
- B) Preening its feathers
- C) In flight**
- D) Pecking at the ground