

The Foundations of Heraldry

Heraldry · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In heraldry, what is the specific term for the shield upon which a coat of arms is displayed?

A) The Escutcheon

- B) The Mantling
- C) The Crest
- D) The Supporter

2. Which term refers to the background colour or pattern of a shield in heraldry?

A) The Tincture

- B) The Charge
- C) The Motto
- D) The Wreath

3. What is the heraldic term for a horizontal band that covers the middle third of a shield?

A) A Fess

- B) A Chevron
- C) A Pale
- D) A Bend

4. In the system of heraldry, which of these is considered a 'metal' rather than a 'colour'?

A) Or (Gold)

- B) Gules (Red)
- C) Azure (Blue)
- D) Sable (Black)

5. What object is often placed on top of the helmet in a full achievement of arms?

A) The Crest

- B) The Motto
- C) The Compartment
- D) The Field

6. Which heraldic shape is formed by two diagonal stripes meeting in the centre, resembling an inverted 'V'?

A) A Chevron

- B) A Saltire
- C) A Bordure
- D) A Chief

7. What is the professional title for a person who is an expert in the study and regulation of heraldry?

- A) Herald**
- B) Knight
- C) Squire
- D) Steward

8. What term describes the heraldic practice of dividing a shield into two or more parts to show different family alliances?

- A) Marshalling**
- B) Tincturing
- C) Blazoning
- D) Differencing