

Heraldry for Young Knights

Heraldry · Answer Key · 20 Questions

1. What is the formal name for the shield-shaped area on which symbols are displayed in heraldry?

A) The Escutcheon

B) The Helmet

C) The Mantle

D) The Crest

2. In heraldry, what is the specific term for the pattern of small 'Y' shapes used to represent the fur of a stoat?

A) Gules

B) Ermine

C) Or

D) Azure

3. Which of these heraldic colors is technically known as 'Gules'?

A) Blue

B) Green

C) Red

D) Yellow

4. What is the term for a wide horizontal stripe that runs across the middle of a shield?

A) A Bend

B) A Chief

C) A Fess

D) A Chevron

5. Which heraldic animal is typically depicted standing on its hind legs with claws extended?

A) Rampant

B) Passant

C) Statant

D) Dormant

6. What is the name for the band of twisted silk worn on top of a knight's helmet to hold the crest in place?

- A) The Torse**
- B) The Motto
- C) The Supporter
- D) The Badge

7. In heraldry, what is the 'Chief' part of the shield?

- A) The very bottom
- B) The middle section
- C) The top horizontal band**
- D) The border

8. Which metal is represented by the color yellow or gold in traditional heraldry?

- A) Argent
- B) Or**
- C) Sable
- D) Vert

9. What is the name of the vertical line that divides a shield into two equal halves?

- A) Pale**
- B) Bend
- C) Cross
- D) Saltire

10. A heraldic lion shown walking with one front paw raised is known as being what?

- A) Rampant
- B) Passant**
- C) Sejant
- D) Couchant

11. Which heraldic color is represented by the name 'Sable'?

- A) Black**
- B) White
- C) Purple
- D) Orange

12. What is the diagonal stripe running from the top left to the bottom right of a shield called?

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

13. What are the figures, such as animals or people, that stand on either side of a shield called?

- A) Supporters**
- B) Guardians
- C) Holders
- D) Shield-bearers

14. Which term describes a shield divided into four quarters?

- A) Party per pale
- B) Quarterly**
- C) Tierced
- D) Checkered

15. In heraldry, what does the term 'Argent' represent?

- A) Silver or white**
- B) Copper
- C) Iron
- D) Gold

16. What is the name of the diagonal cross that looks like an 'X' on a shield?

- A) Chevron
- B) Saltire**
- C) Fess
- D) Pale

17. A lion sitting on its haunches is described by which heraldic term?

- A) Sejant**
- B) Passant
- C) Rampant
- D) Statant

18. What do you call the ribbon or scroll placed below a shield that usually carries a motto?

- A) The Mantling
- B) The Compartment
- C) The Motto Scroll**
- D) The Crest

19. Which heraldic color is known as 'Vert'?

- A) Green**
- B) Blue
- C) Purple
- D) Red

20. What is a chevron shaped like?

- A) A circle
- B) An upside-down 'V'**
- C) A square
- D) A star