

Foundations of Heraldry

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1. What is the heraldic 'Rule of Tincture', which dictates the proper use of colors and metals?

- A) Metals must be placed on metals, and colors on colors
- B) Colors must be placed on metals, and metals on colors
- C) Primary colors must be placed on secondary colors
- D) All tinctures must be separated by a neutral border

2. In heraldic terminology, what is the 'dexter' side of a shield?

- A) The viewer's left
- B) The shield's right
- C) The top center
- D) The bottom point

3. Which of the following is considered a 'fur' in heraldry?

- A) Ermine
- B) Velvet
- C) Silk
- D) Sable

4. What is the 'field' in a coat of arms?

- A) The central animal figure
- B) The background surface of the shield
- C) The motto banner at the bottom
- D) The helmet worn above the shield

5. Which of these is classified as an 'ordinary' in heraldic design?

- A) A fess
- B) A lion rampant
- C) A griffin
- D) A star

6. What is the term for the set of instructions that describes a coat of arms in precise, technical language?

- A) Blazon
- B) Iconography
- C) Sigillography
- D) Cartography

7. What does the heraldic term 'rampant' describe when applied to an animal?

- A) Standing on one hind leg with forelegs raised
- B) Lying down with the head raised
- C) Walking with three paws on the ground
- D) Running at full speed

8. Which of the following colors are classified as 'metals' in heraldry?

- A) Or and Argent
- B) Gules and Azure
- C) Sable and Vert
- D) Purpure and Tenne

9. What is a 'cadency mark' used to indicate on a coat of arms?

- A) The birth order of the bearer within a family
- B) The rank of the bearer in the military
- C) The geographical origin of the family
- D) The date the coat of arms was granted

10. In the 'blazon of arms', which element is positioned directly above the shield?

- A) The helm
- B) The supporters
- C) The motto
- D) The compartment