

Anatomy in Heraldry

Heraldry · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. In heraldry, when a human arm is shown bent at the elbow, what is the specific term used for this position?

- A) Flexed
- B) Embowed**
- C) Curved
- D) Angled

2. Which part of the human body is most commonly featured in heraldic 'crests' to symbolize strength or grasping power?

- A) An eye
- B) A hand**
- C) A foot
- D) An ear

3. If a human head is depicted in profile facing left, what is the traditional heraldic term used to describe this?

- A) Affronté
- B) Reguardant
- C) Contourné**
- D) Dormant

4. What does the heraldic term 'couped' signify when applied to a human limb in a coat of arms?

- A) Cut off cleanly by a straight line**
- B) Torn off with jagged edges
- C) Attached to a torso
- D) Shown with flowing blood

5. A human heart depicted in heraldry is typically drawn in what style?

- A) Anatomically realistic
- B) A simplified stylized shape**
- C) Transparent
- D) With visible veins

6. What is the heraldic term for a human head that is depicted facing directly forward rather than in profile?

- A) Statant
- B) Affronté**
- C) Passant
- D) Salient

7. When a heraldic shield features a human leg, what is the standard term for the leg from the knee down?

- A) A stump
- B) A shank
- C) A jambe**
- D) A calf

8. In heraldry, what does it mean when a limb is described as 'erased'?

- A) Drawn with an eraser
- B) The limb is torn off leaving a jagged edge**
- C) The limb is faded
- D) The limb is depicted as missing