

# Spanish Knight

## Find this sculpture of a Spanish knight.

This sculpture was made for the top of a knight's tomb, or sarcophagus. It includes many details of the man's armor. Instead of a helmet, the man wears a soft hat. Can you find these parts of the knight's armor?

• <b>hauberk</b>	<i>mail shirt, made out of tiny rings of iron or steel</i>
• <b>gauntlets</b>	<i>metal gloves</i>
• <b>handle of a pollaxe or war hammer</b>	<i>(most of the shaft is missing)</i>
• <b>poleyn</b>	<i>armor that protected the knee</i>
• <b>faulds</b>	<i>horizontal plates that protect the waist and hips in the front</i>
• <b>breastplate</b>	<i>armor that protected the chest and stomach area</i>



Spanish, probably Castille, Toledo: Gisant: knight in armor, ca. 1500. Stone, h. 63.5 cm, l. 189.9 cm. Gift of Baroness Cassel van Doorn (y1955-3277). Photo: Bruce M. White.

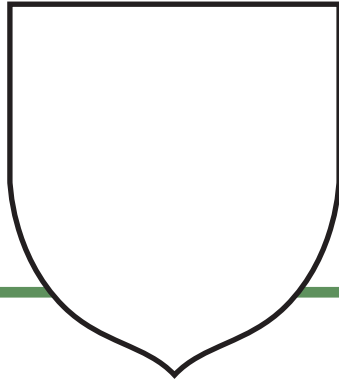
The knight's family coat of arms would have been on the side of the sarcophagus, a stone container that held his body after he died. A coat of arms is a unique combination of pictures and colors that have different meanings.

Unfortunately, the sarcophagus is now lost, and we have no clues to tell us who this man was.

## Here are some suggestions for continuing your medieval adventure at home.

You will need: a large piece of cardboard or tag board; scissors; glue or tape; colored pencils, crayons, or markers.

To make your shield, cut out a large piece of cardboard or tag board in the shape shown here:



You can draw lines across the shield to divide it into two, three, or four parts, like this:








Next, draw pictures of things that you like or like to do in the different sections. For example, if you have a pet dog, you could draw a dog.

Or, you can use some of the traditional symbols from the Middle Ages, shown on the right.



## Colors

	<b>Silver or white</b>	peace
	<b>Red</b>	strength
	<b>Blue</b>	truth and loyalty
	<b>Green</b>	hope and joy
	<b>Purple</b>	royal majesty (king)

## Pictures

	<b>Apple (or other fruit)</b>	peace
	<b>Bear</b>	strength
	<b>Bee</b>	hard-working
	<b>Crown</b>	king
	<b>Deer</b>	peace and harmony
	<b>Dog</b>	loyalty
	<b>Dragon</b>	defender of treasure
	<b>Griffin (head and wings of an eagle, body of a lion)</b>	bravery; defies death
	<b>Helmet</b>	wisdom and protection
	<b>Lion</b>	courage
	<b>Rose (or other flower)</b>	hope and joy
	<b>Ship</b>	ancient sea voyages
	<b>Unicorn</b>	courage and strength