

My Coat of Arms

Create your own heraldic shield. You must use pictures to tell the story. Only three words are allowed. The drawings may be simple as long as they mean something to you and you can explain them. Stress the quality of values it shows and don't be concerned with the quality of the artwork. Why pictures? Not only are pictures or symbols the traditional way of telling a story on heraldic shields, but the use of abstract symbols can force you to think beyond words to often hard to express values and beliefs.

You must answer the following questions symbolically on your Coat of Arms.

The form is a large cross shape with a thick black border. Inside the cross, there are six rectangular boxes arranged in a 2x3 grid, each containing a question. The questions are:

- Top-left: What do you regard to be your greatest personal achievement?
- Top-middle: What do you regard to be your family's greatest achievement?
- Top-right: What is the one thing people can do to make you happy?
- Bottom-left: What do you regard to be your greatest personal weakness?
- Bottom-middle: What would you do if you knew you had only one year to live?
- Bottom-right: What three words would you most like to have said about you?