

Shakespearean Shields

Exploring Personal Symbolism in Art

Brainstorming:

- Think about your own character qualities
- Are you Loyal?
- Responsible? Intelligent?
- Athletic? Industrious?
- Strong?

Symbolism Essay My Shield

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Date: _____

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Brainstorming Sheet

My Qualities	Objects or Animals that could represent my personality traits	Colors that could represent my personality traits

Extended Brainstorming Sheet

Symbol	Animal or Object that could represent my personality traits	Color that could represent my personality traits

Check the traits that apply to you.

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Brainstorming:

Loyal: Dogs, faithful friend

Strong: Lion

Intelligent: Dolphin

Industrious: Bees

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Symbol	Meaning	Color	Animal	Object
Shield	Protection	Red	Lion	Star
Star	Hope	Blue	Dolphin	Anchor
Lion	Strength	Green	Dragon	Castle
Dolphin	Intelligence	Yellow	Phoenix	Flame
Dragon	Power	Purple	Unicorns	Wand
Phoenix	Rebirth	Orange	Mermaid	Shell
Unicorns	Magic	Black	Wizard	Staff
Mermaid	Beauty	White	Wizard	Staff
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Brainstorming Sheet

My Symbols	Meaning or Symbolism	Color	Animal	Object

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Color Meanings:

- Silver / White: Signifies truth, sincerity, peace, innocence and purity.
- Gold: Signifies wisdom, generosity, glory, constancy and faith.
- Black: Signifies wisdom, grief, constancy and prudence.
- Green: Signifies abundance, joy, hope and loyalty in love.
- Blue: Signifies loyalty, chastity, truth, strength and faith.
- Red: Signifies magnanimity, military strength, warrior and martyr.
- Purple: Signifies purpose, temperance, regal, justice, royal majesty, and sovereignty.
- Maroon / Blood Red: Signifies Fortitude or victorious.
- Orange – Tawny: Signifies ambition.

Student Example

Off the internet...



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