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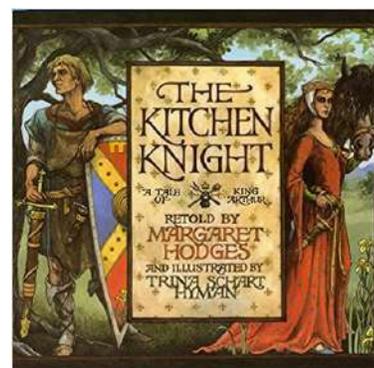
Read It | Arthurian Legends



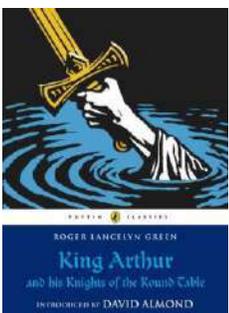
Share these tales of King Arthur, the knights of the round table, and the sword in the stone with the whole family. If you can't access any books on King Arthur, talk about what kinds of things a knight may have done during this time period.

The Once and Future King by T.H. White

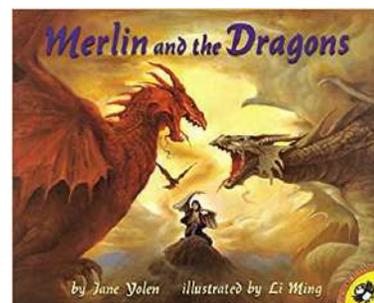
The Kitchen Knight: A Tale of King Arthur retold by Margaret Hodges, illustrated by Trina Schart Hyman



King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table by Roger Lancelyn Green



Merlin and the Dragons by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Li Ming



Write It | Telling Your Family's Story Through a Family Tree

In this writing exercise you will paint family trees and record your family stories!

Questions to ask: Do families have to be biological? What else makes a family?

Write down the names of your immediate family members or caretakers, then paint a fingerprint family tree that will be the cover for your family question workbooks.

Materials and Preparation

Fingerprint Family Trees

You will need:

- 9 x 12" construction paper
- A trunk template
- Non-toxic washable paint (at least three colors)
- Large paint brushes (one for each paint color)
- Large paper plates
- crayons or markers

Family Question Workbooks

You will need:

- Add to or modify the family questions as desired (see attached worksheet)
- Ask questions and fill out the worksheet
- Staple all of the pages together to make the family tree workbook

Before you start, paste or draw tree trunks onto sheets of construction paper (examples attached.) An adult should paint the children's fingertips and guide them in making a fingerprint for each family member. Change colors as desired (each "leaf" color could represent a different generation). You can also use crayons or markers. After the paint dries, add family members' names to the leaves. Fold the trees in half to make workbook covers (the trunk will be the back cover, the leaves the front.)

Cook It | Family Traditions

No recipe this week! Instead share a treasured family recipe together (you can even do this over video chat!). The older generation should teach the younger generation how to make it.

Make It | Create Your Own Heraldic Crest

There are hundreds, if not thousands of designs for a coat of arms. Lions, fleur-de-lys, suns, crescents, griffons, stags and geometric designs were all popular. You can look up examples or create your own!

Heraldic Rules of Tincture

<https://www.heraldica.org/topics/tincturs.htm> explains rules for creating a coat of arms. Or you can create your own.

What you need:

- poster board or heavy paper or a cereal box
- construction paper
- glue
- scissors
- crayons, markers
- tape

What you do:

- Cut a shield out of poster board or heavy weight paper (the inside of a cereal box works well!). You determine the size, any shape you want.
- Cut a strip of heavy paper about 1" wide and 5" long to make a handle for your shield. and tape it in place on the back of your crest.
- Turn the shield over and decorate it with crayons, construction paper strips or emblematic designs.

For examples and information about use of colors and symbols see these websites:

www.fleurdelis.com/shields.htm

<http://www.freecoatsofarms.com/catalog.html>







Family Questions

How did I get my name?

Where were your parents born?

Did you know your grandparents?

What did you call your grandparents?

Tell me a funny story about one of your family members.

When you were growing up, what was your favorite holiday? Why?

When you were my age, who was the oldest living relative that you knew?

Who is the oldest living relative in our family now? Where were they born?

Tell me a story about when you were my age/grade.

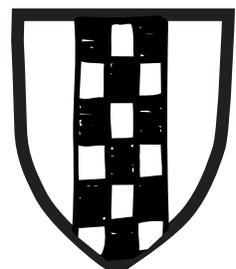
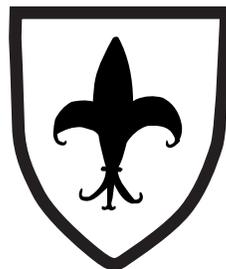
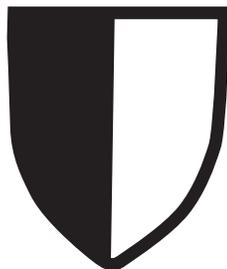
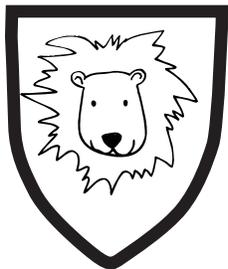
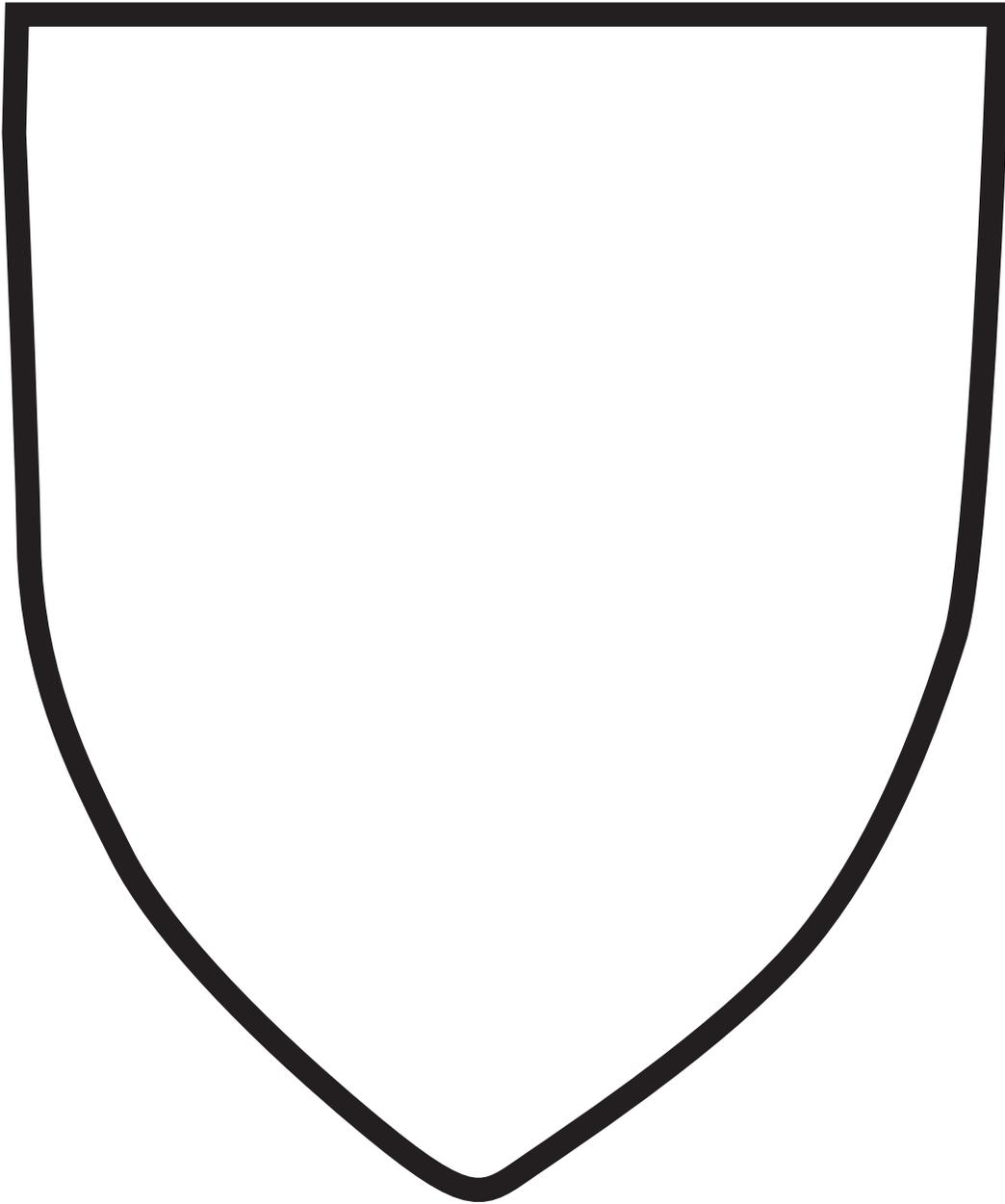
What was your favorite game when you were my age?

What books did you like to read when you were my age?

Tell me another story about our family.

Design Your Own Coat of Arms

Imagine you are a Knight of the Round Table about to enter a tournament. You must design your own coat of arms so that you can be identified on the field. Some samples are provided at the bottom of this page.



Family Questions Page Layout

Our family is special. One thing that makes our family special is:

Our family's favorite food to eat together is:

When we spend time together, our family likes to:

These are the names of our family members: