

Shield Decoration

1) Come up with an image for your shield that will symbolize you on the field of battle. In our slide show you saw some examples of such symbolism, not just from Roman culture, but for other cultures as well and there are more on the back of this sheet. You can decide to make your shield (or other piece of armor if you don't have a shield) look very Roman, but you can also draw on some of the ideas from different cultures. Your image should have 3 things in it that symbolize you in some way.

2) add a Latin motto. For help you can see the various books of Latin quotes on our shelves.

Things you could represent about yourself either in your images or your motto:

- What sports to you play (corbfolium- basketball; basipila- baseball; pedifolium- soccer; harpastum americanum- football)
- Favorite hobbies (ars pingendi- art of painting; ars saltandi- art of dancing etc.)
- Personality qualities that you have or want to have (fidelis- faithful, fortis- strong/brave, clemens- forgiving, diligens- diligent, pius-respectful of gods and family, humanus- cultured etc.)

3. Describe your shield and what it means in Latin using the template below:

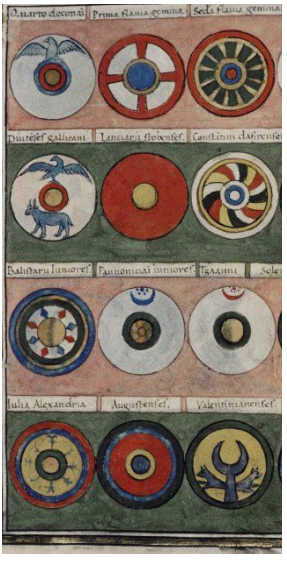
habeo _____ in meo scuto	Quod (because)	amo _____ sum _____ Ludo _____ (I play)
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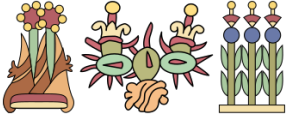
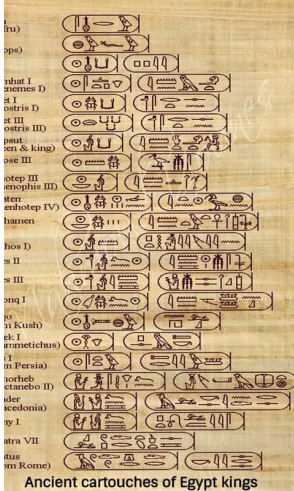
Describe your crest (5 sententias- remember the colors from the other day. They are in the armor assignment on classroom):

4. Asking others about their image:

Quid significat _____ tibi? (What does _____ mean to you?) Quid est hoc? (what is this?)	Placet! - Nice! Optime!- Great! Amo _____ in tua pictura!
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More examples of shield symbolism:

Roman	Japanese	European	Babylonian
 		 Aztec City States:	

Aztec Member States	Egyptian Pharaonic Cartouche		
	 Ancient cartouches of Egypt kings		

Examples of different things that can be used as symbols, but please use your own ideas too:

Animals (from European Heraldry): • Leo= bravery • Canis = faithfulness, reliability • Stags (cervus) = wisdom and long life • Eagles (aquila) = power and nobility • Hares (lepus, leporis)= speed • Badgers (Mēles, is) = endurance or 'hanging on'	Flowers (From Japanese Heraldry) • Cherry Blossoms (Flores Cerasi) – Kindness and Gentleness • Daffodil (Narcissus)– Respect • Daisy (Bellis perennis) – Faithfulness • Iris (iris) – Good News • White Lily (Lilium lancifolium)– Purity or innocence • Lily of the Valley (Convallaria)– Promise of Happiness • Tiger Lily (Lilium)– Wealth and Prosperity • White Rose (Rosa alba) – Innocence or Devotion • Pink Rose (Rosa uh...rosa)– Confidence & Trust • Yellow Rose (Rosa Lutea) – Nobility • Tulip (Tulipa) – Trust
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Sketch a rough draft of your shield symbol here (or draw on a blank piece of paper and staple to this one:

Quid significant?- what does _____ mean?

Quomodo dicitur- how do you say?

Habesne stylum- do you have a pencil?

Possumne legere sententias meas tibi? Can I read my sentences to you?

Quid censes?- what do you think?

Nonne sum iocossissimus/a/ex? Aren't I the funniest????

Nonne sum vafer? Aren't I clever?

Mihi placet!!! I like it!!

Gratias- Thank you!

Libenter- you are welcome!