

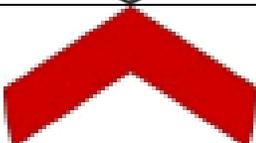
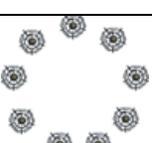
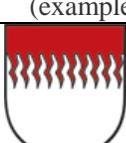
## SYMBOLISM OF HERALDIC COLORS, FURS, LINES & ORDINARIES or...

*What does it mean if your coat of arms bears a red boar's head?*

<b>COLORS</b>	<b><i>Even the colors can have special meaning in a "family crest" or coat of arms:</i></b>
Gold (Or)	Generosity and elevation of the mind
Silver or White (Argent)	Peace and sincerity
Red (Gules)	Warrior or martyr; Military strength and magnanimity
Blue (Azure)	Truth and loyalty
Green (Vert)	Hope, joy, and loyalty in love
Black (Sable)	Constancy or grief
Purple (Purpure)	Royal majesty, sovereignty, and justice
Orange (Tawny or Tenne)	Worthy ambition
Maroon (Sanguine or Murray)	Patient in battle, and yet victorious

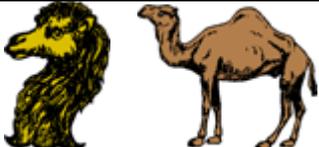
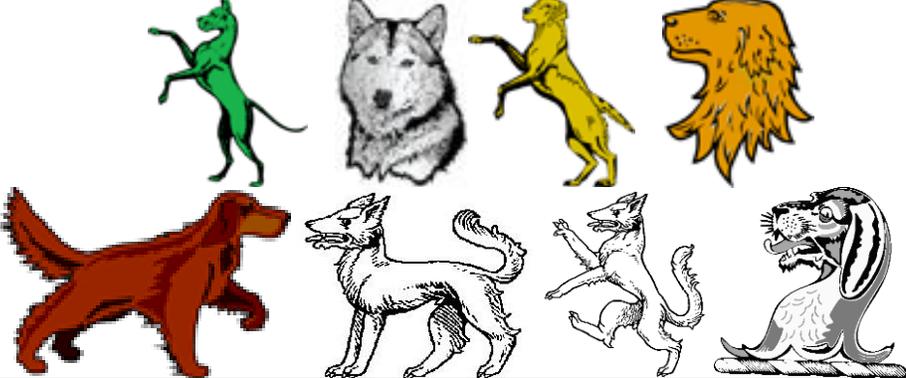
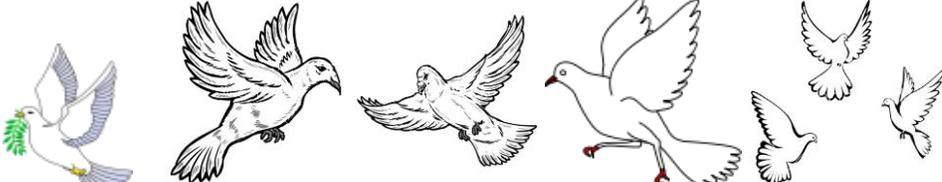
<b>Heraldic Lines and Ordinaries:</b>	
Nebuly Line	Clouds or air 
Wavy Line	Sea or water 
Engrailed Line	Earth or land 
Invected Line	Earth or land 
Indented Line	Fire 
Dancette Line	Water 
Raguly Line	Difficulties that have been encountered 
Embattled Line	Walls of a fortress or town (also, fire) 

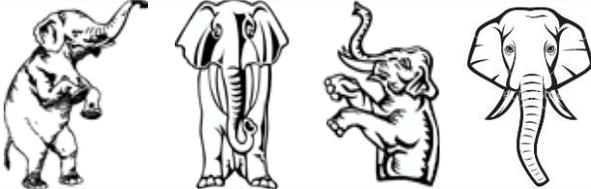
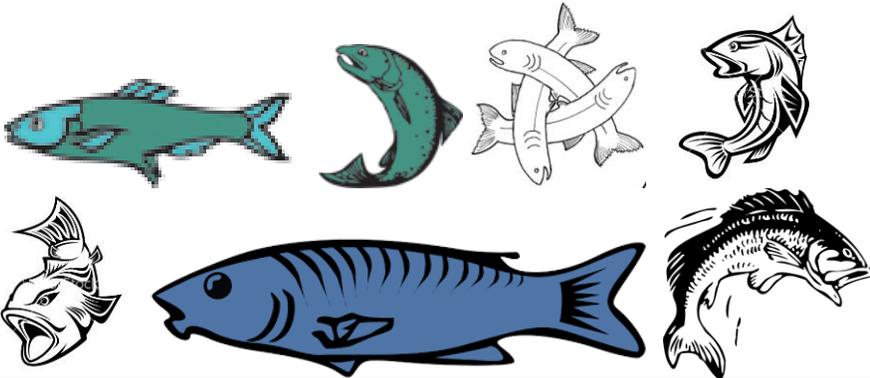
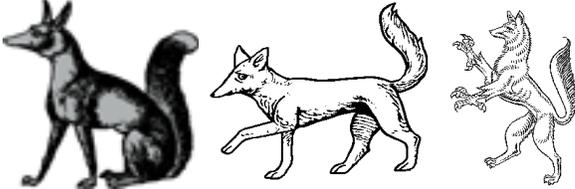
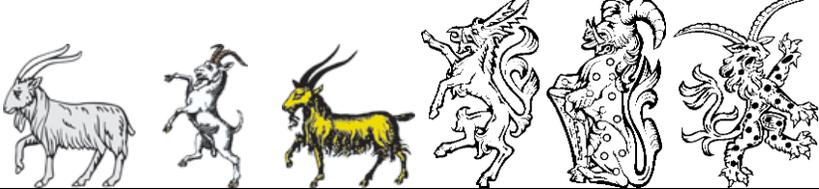
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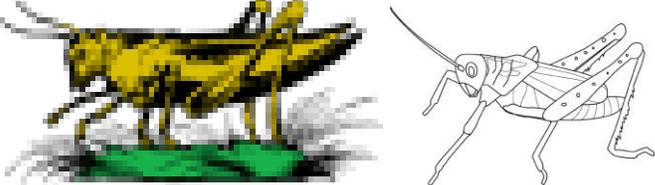
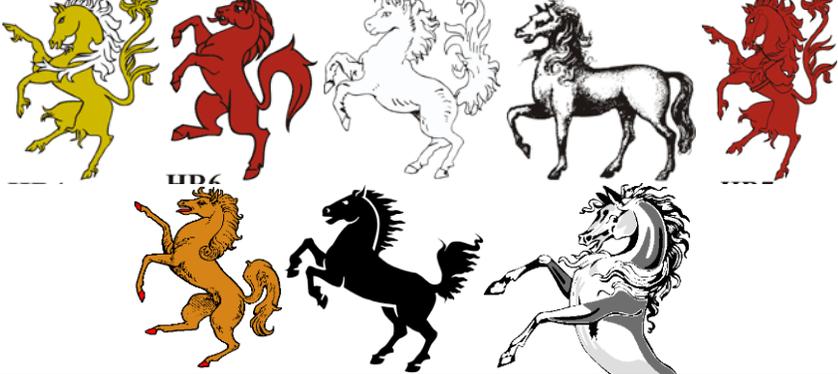
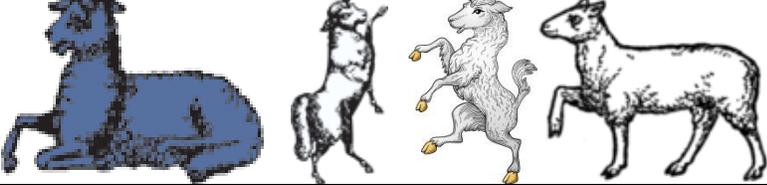
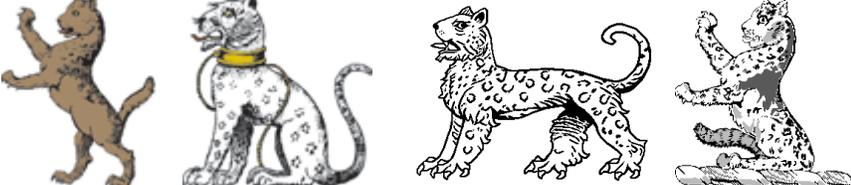
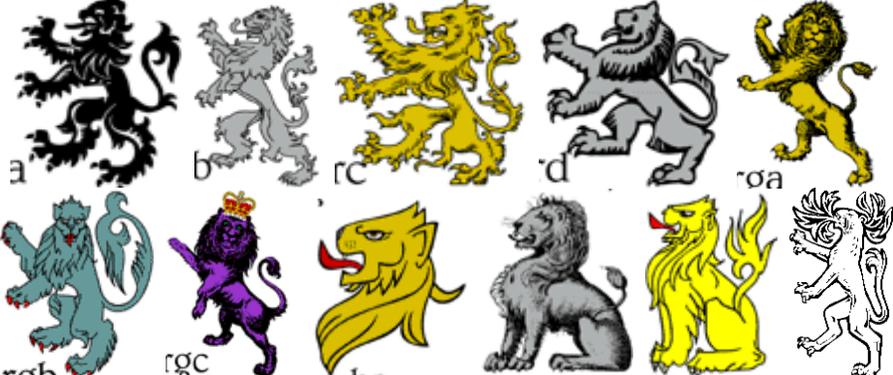
<p><b>Bar, Barry, Barrulet</b></p>		<p>One who fights against angry passions and evil temptations; an honest heart</p>
<p><b>Barry Wavy</b></p>		<p>Change is continuous; reminders of fate (as waves in a storm at sea)</p>
<p><b>Border</b></p>		<p>Unity among different groups</p>
<p><b>Chequy</b></p>		<p>Dependability</p>
<p><b>Chevron</b></p>		<p>Protection; Accomplishment of some work of faithful service</p>
<p><b>Chief</b></p>		<p>Signals authority; often granted as a special reward for prudence and wisdom</p>
<p><b>Fess/Fesse</b></p>		<p>Military belt or girdle of honor; represents readiness to serve the public</p>
<p><b>Flanchi/flasque/flanches (Also flaunches)</b></p>		<p>Given by a king for virtue and learning</p>
<p><b>Fusil (narrow lozenge)</b></p>		<p>Devotion and hard work</p>
<p><b>Gyronny</b></p>		<p>Unity among many members (six- or eight-part division of the shield)</p>
<p><b>Orle</b></p>	 <p>(example with roses)</p>	<p>Circle of something; Preservation or protection of something</p>
<p><b>Ray or Rayonnee</b></p>		<p>Glory and magnificence; fountain of life; intelligence and enlightenment</p>

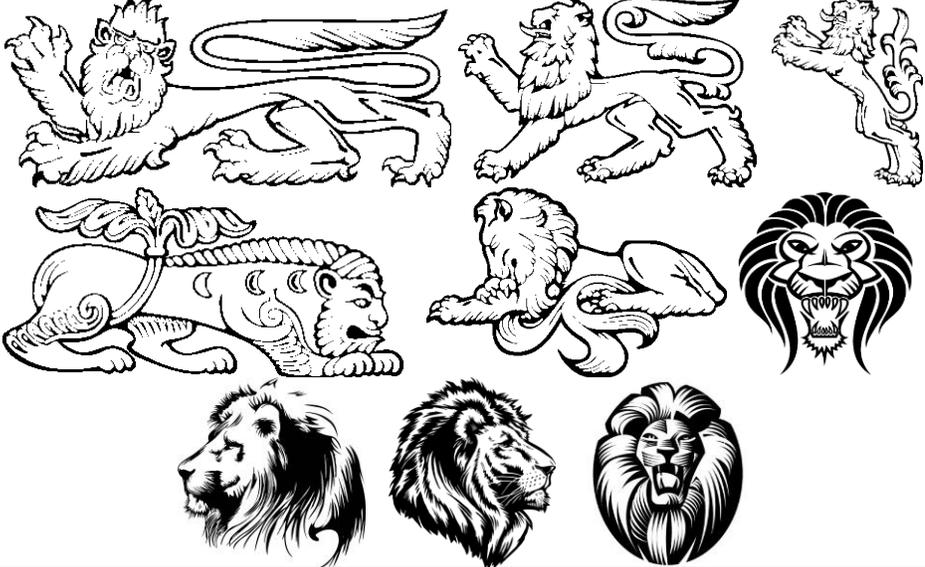
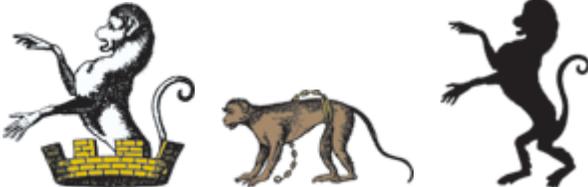
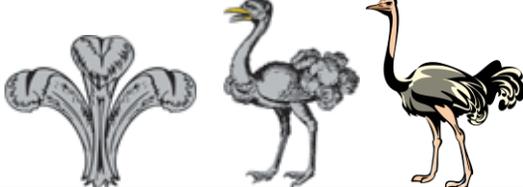
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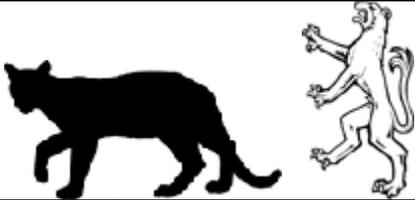
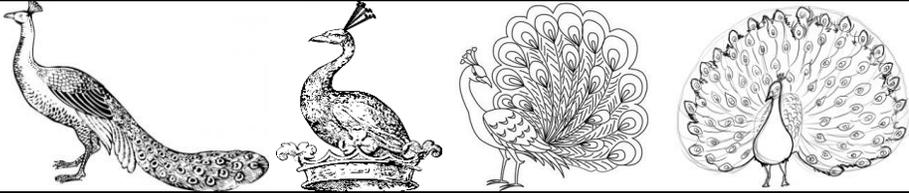
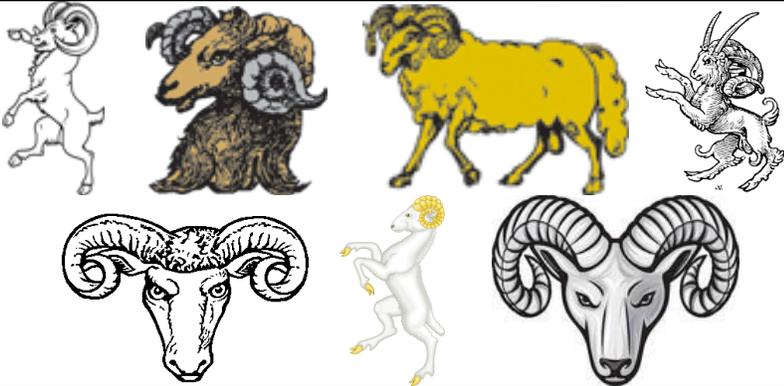
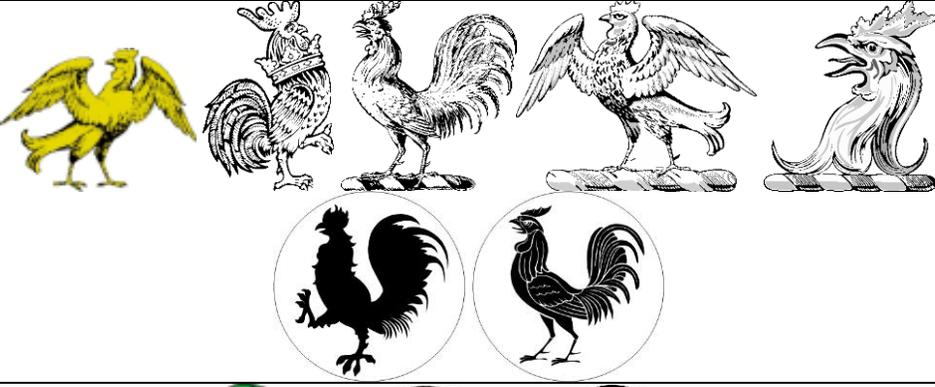
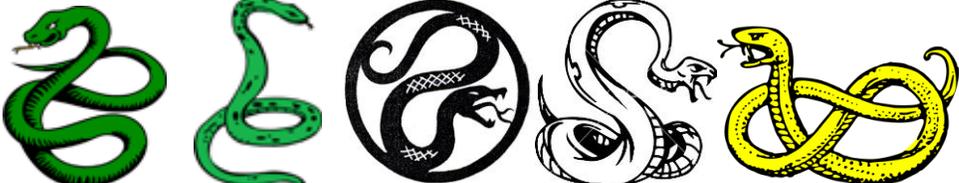
<p>Ant</p>		<p>Great laborer and internal strength</p>
<p>Antlers</p>		<p>Strength and resilience</p>
<p>Bat</p>		<p>Awareness of the powers of darkness and chaos.</p>
<p>Bear</p>		<p>Strength, cunning, ferocity in the protection of one's family</p>
<p>Beaver</p>		<p>Production and perseverance</p>
<p>Bee</p>		<p>Efficient work</p>
<p>Boar</p>		<p>Bravery; fights to the death</p>
<p>Bull/Buffalo</p>		<p>Stubbornness, bravery, persistence</p>
<p>Butterfly</p>		<p>Psyche or Soul</p>

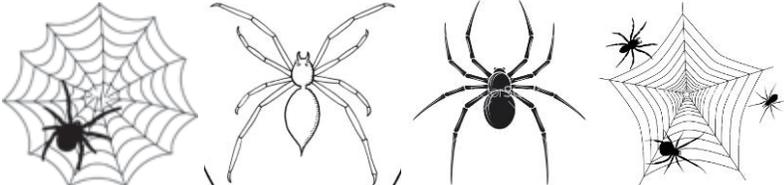
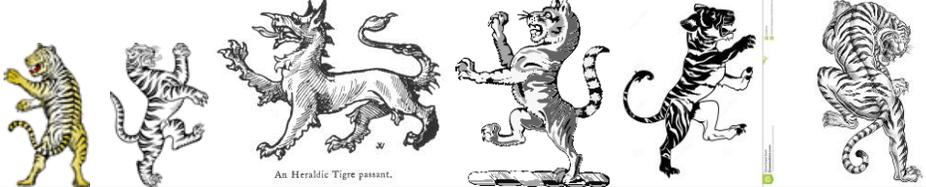
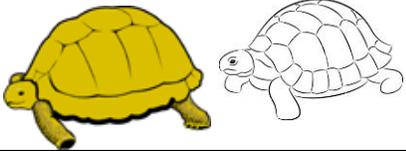
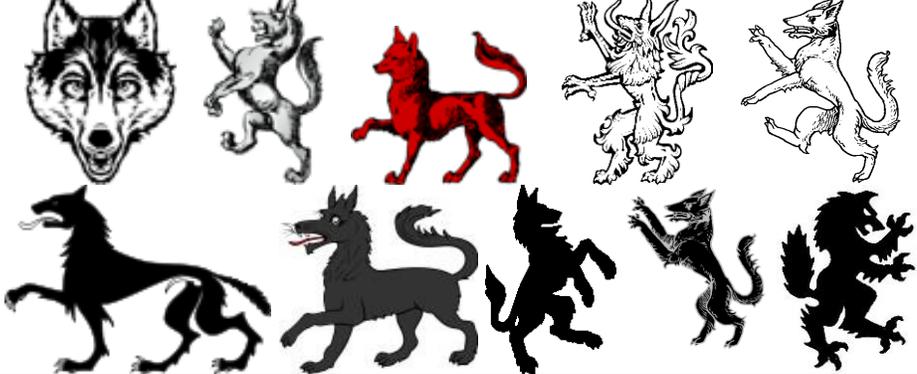
<p><b>Camel</b></p>		<p>Obedience, patience, and perseverance</p>
<p><b>Cat (Also Wildcat or Lynx)</b></p>		<p>Independence, vigilance, cleverness, and courage</p>
<p><b>Claw of a Bird</b></p>		<p>Hunter</p>
<p><b>Crane (Stork)</b></p>		<p>Close parental bond; Vigilance if holding a rock</p>
<p><b>Deer (See also Stag)</b></p>		<p>One who will not fight unless provoked; promoter of peace and harmony</p>
<p><b>Dog</b></p>		<p>Loyalty and devotion, alertness, obedience, and courage</p>
<p><b>Dolphin</b></p>		<p>Swiftness, diligence, charity, and love</p>
<p><b>Dove</b></p>		<p>Loving steadiness and peace; with an olive branch in its bill, it signifies a harbinger of good will</p>

Duck		A person of many resources
Eagle		Person of noble nature, strength, bravery, and alertness; or one who is high-spirited, ingenious, quick-witted, and thoughtful; If wings "displayed," it means protection
Elephant		Great strength, wit, longevity, happiness, royalty, good luck, and ambition
Falcon (Hawk)		One who does not rest until their objective is achieved
Fish		A true, generous mind; virtuous for himself, not because of his heritage
Fox		One who will use all that he/she may possess of wisdom and cleverness in his/her own defense
Goat		One who wins through politics rather than war
Goose		Resourcefulness

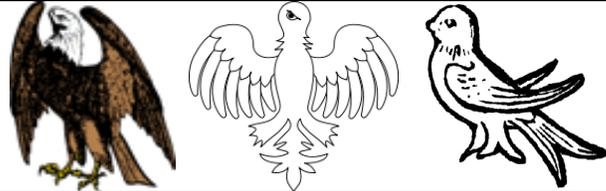
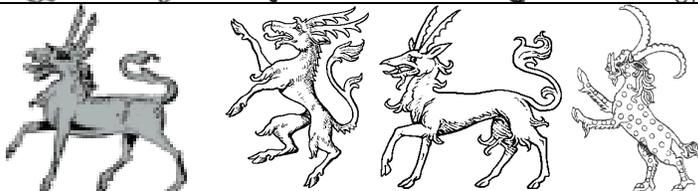
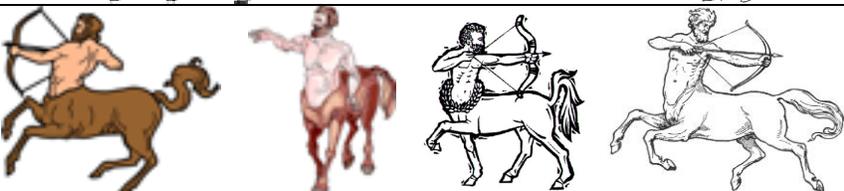
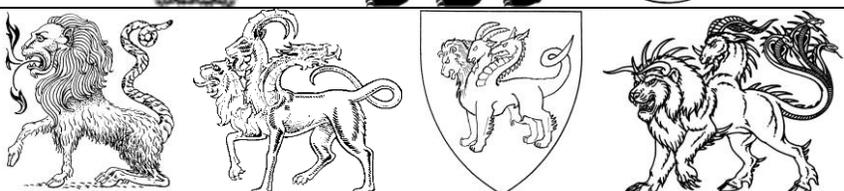
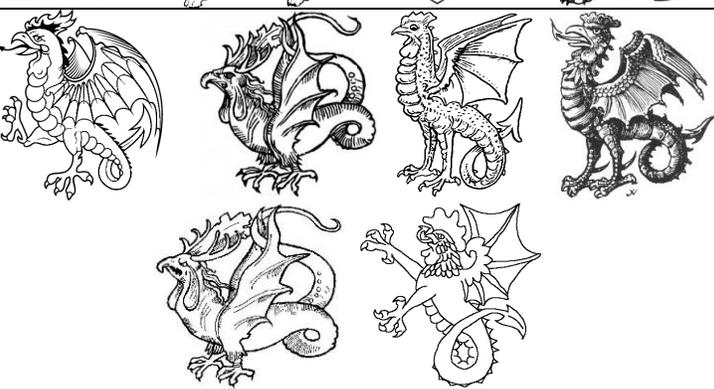
Grasshopper		Noble and home-bred
Greyhound		Courage, vigilance, and loyalty
Hind (female deer)		Peace and harmony
Horse		Readiness for all service to one's master
Lamb or Ewe		Gentleness and patience under suffering
Leopard		Valiant and hardy warrior who overcomes danger through force and courage
Lion		Confident courage; the most relentless fighter in the face of life's challenges; assertiveness; personal power

		
<p><b>Martlet (footless swallow)</b></p>		<p>May signify one who has to survive by virtue and merit, not inheritance</p>
<p><b>Monkey</b></p>		<p>Ability to “live in the moment” and celebrate today</p>
<p><b>Moor fowl or Moor-cock</b></p>		<p>Association with the law or the legal profession</p>
<p><b>Ostrich/Ostrich plumes</b></p>		<p>Willing obedience and serenity</p>
<p><b>Otter</b></p>		<p>One who lives life to the fullest</p>
<p><b>Owl</b></p>		<p>One who is a keen observer; often refers to someone of high intelligence and deep wisdom</p>
<p><b>Ox</b></p>		<p>Power and sheer strength</p>

<p><b>Panther</b></p>		<p>Fierce, but tender and loving to children and will defend her children with her life</p>
<p><b>Peacock</b></p>		<p>Beauty, power, and knowledge</p>
<p><b>Pelican</b></p>	 <p><small>Heraldic Pelican in her piety.</small></p>	<p>Self-sacrifice and charitable nature; When feeding her young, symbolizes the duties of a parent</p>
<p><b>Pheasant</b></p>		<p>Person of many resources</p>
<p><b>Ram</b></p>		<p>Authority; associated with action, initiative, and leadership</p>
<p><b>Raven</b></p>		<p>Symbol of good fortune from the divine</p>
<p><b>Rooster</b></p>		<p>Courage and perseverance; hero; able man in politics</p>
<p><b>Serpent/Snake/Lizard</b></p>		<p>Keeper of hidden knowledge; connected to the Earth's energy; cunning; symbol of rebirth and renewal</p>

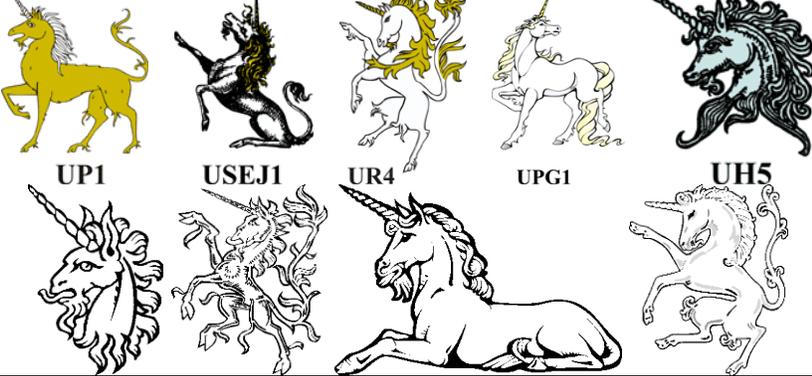
Spider		One who benefits from hard work and patience
Squirrel		Lover of the woods
Stork		Parental duty; close parental bond; If holding a rock, symbolizes vigilance
Swan		Poetic harmony and learning; light, love, grace, sincerity, perfection
Tiger		Fierceness and fearlessness; dangerous if disturbed
Tortoise		Invulnerability to attack
Wolf		Possessing a sharp intelligence and extraordinary instinct; confident and self-reliant
Wren		Seeker of freedom

Mythical Creatures:

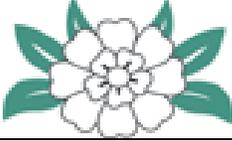
<p>Allerion (Mythical creature, similar to an eagle, but without beak or claws)</p>		<p>Strength of will and authority of mind</p>
<p>Angels</p>		<p>Representing hope, innocence, all that is good; a helper to those in need</p>
<p>Antelope/Yale (A mythical animal with the body of a stag, the tail of a unicorn, a tusk at the tip of the nose)</p>		<p>Harmony, political cunning, peace</p>
<p>Centaur</p>		<p>Dominated by passions</p>
<p>Cerberus</p>		<p>A fierce guardian; Sometimes represents past, present, and future</p>
<p>Chimera (lion head, goat body, serpent tail)</p>		<p>Pure evil; a sign of natural disasters to come</p>
<p>Cockatrice (small serpent)</p>		<p>A symbol of terror; often a representation of the devil</p>
<p>Dragon</p>		<p>Sometimes viewed as aggressive evil.  Sometimes seen as a valiant sole defender of something of great worth.  Possessors of keen sight and</p>

		<p>overwhelming power.</p>
<p>Eagle with two heads</p>		<p>A joining of two noble forces</p>
<p>Enfield</p>		<p>Mythical beast said to have protected fallen chieftains' bodies for proper burial</p>
<p>Griffin</p>		<p>(Head, wings, and talons of an eagle with the body of a lion);      Heroism and death-defying bravery; vigilance; a guardian of something of great treasure</p>

		
<p><b>Hydra (dragon with seven heads)</b></p>		<p>A very powerful enemy</p>
<p><b>Pegasus</b></p>		<p>A representation of the soul's immortality; Poetic genius and inspiration</p>
<p><b>Phoenix</b></p>		<p>Symbol of resurrection; ability to take new forms; triumph over adversity</p>
<p><b>Sea Horse/ Sea Dragon</b></p>		<p>Power of the water</p>

<p>Seal/Sea lion</p>		<p>Dauntless courage at sea</p>
<p>Seraphim</p>		<p>(Angel with three pairs of wings) Dignity, glory, and honour; missionary; bearer of joyful news</p>
<p>Sphinx</p>		<p>All-knowing and protector of secrets</p>
<p>Unicorn</p>		<p>Extreme courage and goodness; proud and untamable; purification</p>
<p>Wyvern (Dragon with only two legs and armed tail)</p>		<p>A symbol of bravery and strength</p>

Flowers & Plants:

<p><b>Acacia Branch or Leaves</b></p>		<p>Eternal and affectionate remembrance</p>
<p><b>Acanthus Leaves</b></p>		<p>Admiration of the arts</p>
<p><b>Acorn</b></p>		<p>Ancient knowledge</p>
<p><b>Apple/ Apple Tree</b></p>		<p>Cheerfulness; ongoing agreement</p>
<p><b>Aspen Leaves</b></p>		<p>Determination; overcoming fears and doubts</p>
<p><b>Azalea</b></p>		<p>Passion</p>
<p><b>Beech</b></p>		<p>Tolerance, knowledge of history</p>
<p><b>Bird of Paradise</b></p>		<p>Freedom</p>
<p><b>Bluebonnet</b></p>		<p>Grace, forgiveness, mercy</p>
<p><b>Carnation</b></p>		<p>Admiration; fascination</p>
<p><b>Cattails (Bulrushes)</b></p>		<p>Peace and prosperity</p>
<p><b>Cherry Blossom</b></p>		<p>Education; transience of life</p>

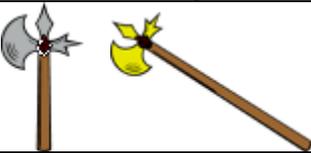
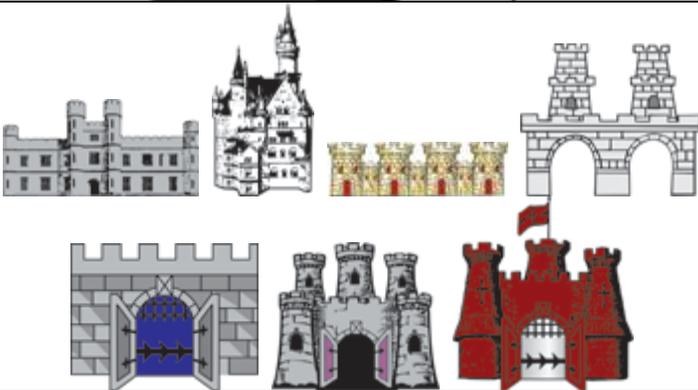
<b>Chrysanthemum</b>		Abundance, cheerfulness, optimism, truth, hope, rest, friendship
<b>Cinquefoils</b>		Hope and joy
<b>Dahlia</b>		Dignity, elegance, togetherness forever
<b>Daisy</b>		Gentleness and innocence
<b>Dogwood</b>		Love and adversity
<b>Fern</b>		Magic, fascination, confidence, shelter
<b>Geranium</b>		True friendship
<b>Grapes</b>		A sign of abundance
<b>Heliotrope</b>		Pleasure; Eternal love & devotion
<b>Hibiscus</b>		Delicate beauty
<b>Holly</b>		Truth; Foresight and defense
<b>Hyacinth</b>		Games, Sports, Playfulness
<b>Ivy Leaves</b>		Strong and lasting friendship

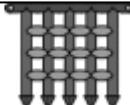
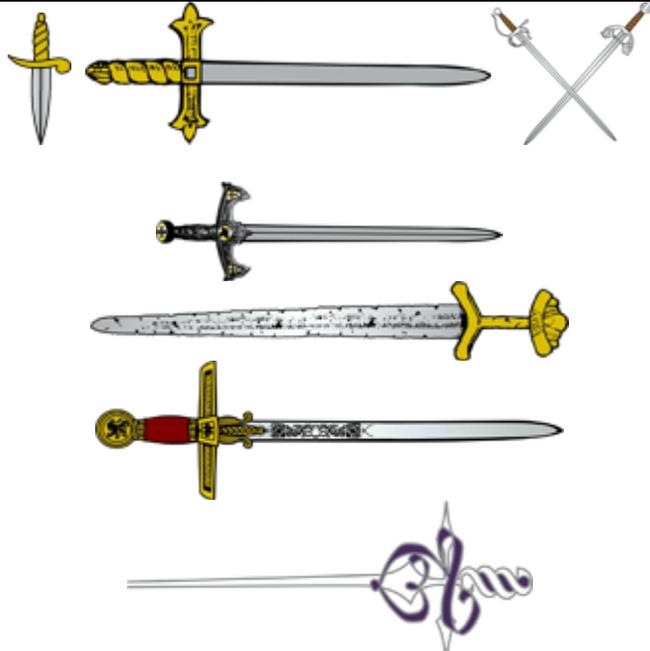
Iris		Faith and wisdom
Jasmine		Attachment
Lavender		Loyalty and dependability
Lilac		Beauty, pride, youth, innocence
Lily		Purity; goodness
Linden branch or leaves		Life, vitality, energy, resurrection
Lotus		Mystery and truth; perfection, purity
Lupine		Imagination
Magnolia		Nobility, perseverance, love of nature
Marigold		Devotion and piety; Splendid beauty and sweetness
Morning Glory		Affection
Oak Tree, Leaves, Bush		Great age and strength; Heroism and victory
Olive Branch or Leaves		Peace and concordance; reconciliation

Orchid		Magnificence
Pear		Joyousness and peace
Petunia		Soothing presence
Pine Cone		Life
Rose, Red		Grace and beauty; Love and desire
Rose, White		Love and faith; Charm and innocence
Rose, Yellow		Jealousy
Sage		Wisdom, long life, esteem
Shamrock		Good luck; eternity
Snapdragon		Graciousness and strength
Thyme		Bravery, courage and strength
Tiger Lily		Wealth and pride
Tree Trunk/Stump/Branch		New life sprouting from the old

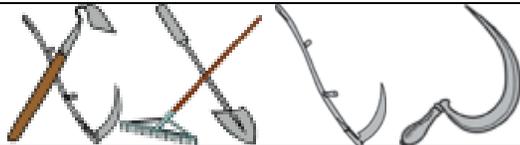
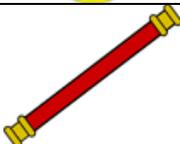
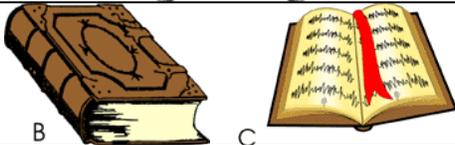
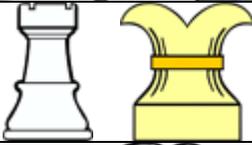
<p><b>Tree</b></p>		<p>Life and the mystical connection of the earth with heaven</p>
<p><b>Tulip</b></p>		<p>Imagination and dreaminess; Fame and perfect love</p>
<p><b>Vine</b></p>		<p>Strong and lasting friendship; Peace and plenty; luck and strength</p>
<p><b>Violet</b></p>		<p>Modesty, virtue, affection, faithfulness, love</p>
<p><b>Water Lily</b></p>		<p>Eloquence and persuasion</p>
<p><b>Willow (Weeping)</b></p>		<p>Patience &amp; Perseverance</p>
<p><b>Wisteria</b></p>		<p>Welcome; playful spontaneity</p>
<p><b>Wreath of laurel leaves (and berries)</b></p>		<p>Triumph</p>

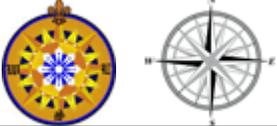
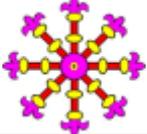
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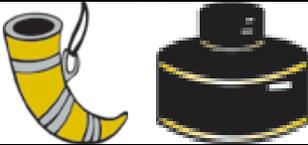
<p><b>Arm (or Hand) in Armour or Embowed</b></p>		<p>A person with qualities of leadership</p>
<p><b>Arrow or Dart</b></p>		<p>Readiness (for battle); if depicted with a cross, represents an affliction</p>
<p><b>Axe</b> (Also Halbert, Halberd, Hatchet)</p>		<p>Execution of military duty</p>
<p><b>Banner</b></p>		<p>A reward for valiant service; leadership</p>
<p><b>Bow and Arrow</b></p>		<p>Accuracy; possessing fine skill</p>
<p><b>Castle (Tower/Chateau)</b></p>		<p>Providing safety and protection</p>
<p><b>Clarion</b></p>		<p>Ready for action</p>
<p><b>Dagger or dart</b></p>		<p>Justice and military honor</p>
<p><b>Gauntlet</b></p>		<p>Armed for combat</p>
<p><b>Knight (especially on horseback)</b></p>		<p>The soul guiding the body; man's journey through life</p>

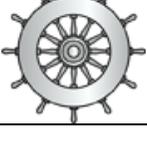
<p><b>Portcullis (Castle Gate)</b></p>		<p>Protection in an emergency</p>
<p><b>Spear/Pike</b></p>		<p>Honorable warrior; valiant knight</p>
<p><b>Stirrup</b></p>		<p>Preparedness for active service</p>
<p><b>Sword/Dagger/Dart Sabre/Cutlass/Scimitar</b></p>		<p>Justice and military honor</p>
<p><b>Tower</b></p>		<p>Able to see danger from a distance</p>
<p><b>Trident</b></p>		<p>Power at sea</p>
<p><b>Trumpet</b></p>		<p>A call to action</p>

Inanimate Objects:

<p><b>Agricultural Tools</b></p>		<p>Labouring in the earth and depending upon good fortune</p>
<p><b>Anchor</b></p>		<p>Hope</p>
<p><b>Anvil</b></p>		<p>Honor through one's trade</p>
<p><b>Baguette (gem ring)</b></p>		<p>Fidelity; able to uphold a promise</p>
<p><b>Baton</b></p>		<p>Token of authority</p>
<p><b>Beacon</b> (Also Lantern or Lighthouse)</p>		<p>One who is watchful, who gave the signal in time of danger</p>
<p><b>Bones</b> (Crossed Thighbones)</p>		<p>Mortality</p>
<p><b>Book</b></p>		<p>If open, a sign of creation; if closed, a sign of knowledge</p>
<p><b>Candle/Lamp</b></p>		<p>Symbol of light, life, and spirituality</p>
<p><b>Chess Rook</b></p>		<p>Strategic thinking</p>
<p><b>Clouds</b></p>		<p>Mystery, obscured truth</p>
<p><b>Column</b></p>		<p>Fortitude and constancy; with serpent coiled around it, wisdom with fortitude</p>
<p><b>Comet</b></p>		<p>Sign of change</p>

Compass		Direction
Cornucopia (horn of plenty)		The bounty of nature's gifts
Crescent (or combination of crescents)		One who has been honored by the king
Crosier/shepherd's crook		The shepherd's watchfulness; Christian faith
Drum		Ready for war
Ermine Spot		Mark of dignity
Escallop (scallop shell)		Traveller to far places
Escarbuncle		Supremacy; brilliant gem
Estoile (star with six wavy points)		Goodness from the heavens; noble person
Eye		Wisdom; ability to predict events and foresee dangers
Feathers		(usually ostrich feathers) Sign of obedience, devotion, and respect
Fire		Passion
Garb (wheatsheaf)		The harvest of one's hopes has been secured
Gem or Jewel		Supremacy

<p><b>Hammer</b></p>		<p>Honor through hard work</p>
<p><b>Harp</b></p>		<p>Well-composed person of measured judgment; contemplation</p>
<p><b>Heart, Flaming</b></p>		<p>Intense, burning affection</p>
<p><b>Heart, Human</b></p>		<p>Charity and sincerity</p>
<p><b>Horseshoe</b></p>		<p>Good luck and safeguard against evil spirits</p>
<p><b>Hunting Horn</b></p>		<p>One who is fond of the chase, of high pursuits</p>
<p><b>Increscent/Increment</b></p>		<p>One who has been honored by the king; hope of greater glory</p>
<p><b>Inkhorn or Inkwell</b></p>		<p>Art of writing and educated employment</p>
<p><b>Keys</b></p>		<p>Guardianship and dominion; someone entrusted with responsibility</p>
<p><b>Ladder (Scaling Ladder)</b></p>		<p>A symbol of overcoming a barrier or obstacle</p>
<p><b>Lightning Bolt</b></p>		<p>Swiftness and power</p>
<p><b>Musical Pipes</b></p>		<p>Festivity and rejoicing</p>
<p><b>Parchment/Scroll/Diploma</b></p>		<p>Possible reference to academic or scholarly achievement</p>

<b>Peacock Feather</b>		Beauty, power, and knowledge
<b>Pen</b>		Art of writing and educated employment
<b>Plume of feathers</b>		Sign of willing obedience and peace of mind
<b>Rainbow</b>		Good times after bad; unity among diversity
<b>Rock</b>		Safety and protection; refuge; ability to resist forces
<b>Scepter</b>		The emblem of justice and ruling authority
<b>Ship</b>		Ancient sea voyages
<b>Star (estoile or mullet)</b>		Heavenly goodness; noble person; Excellence
<b>Sun</b>		Glory and splendour; fountain of life
<b>Torch</b>		Life; zealousness; truth and intelligence
<b>Vol (Set of Wings)</b>		Swiftness and protection
<b>Wheel</b>		Fortune; cycle of life