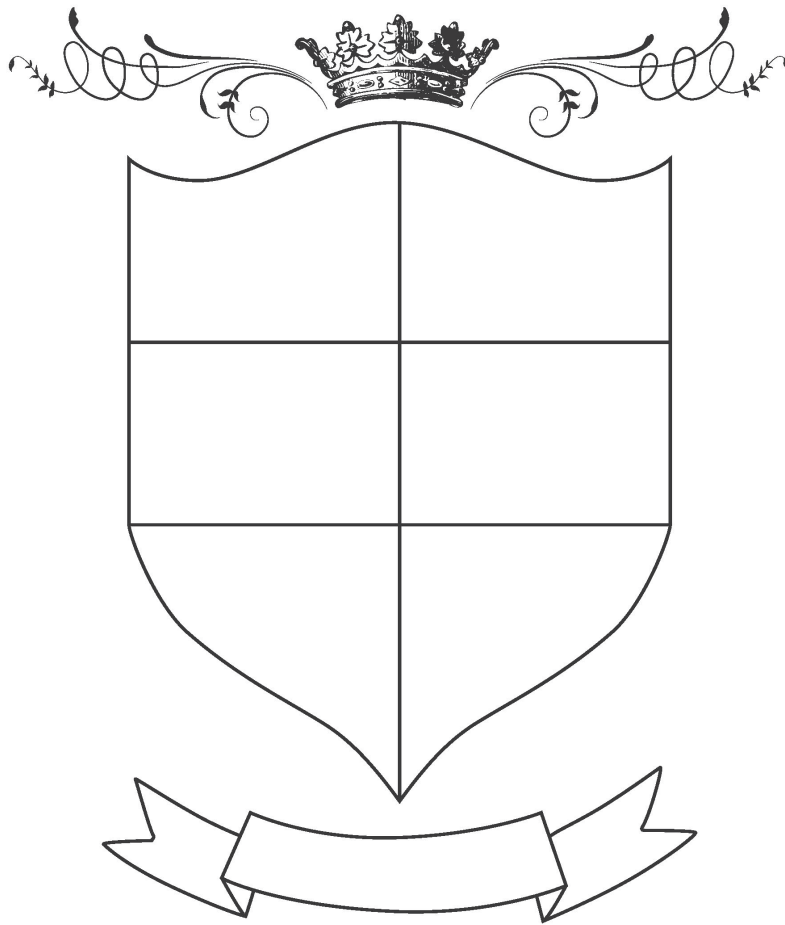
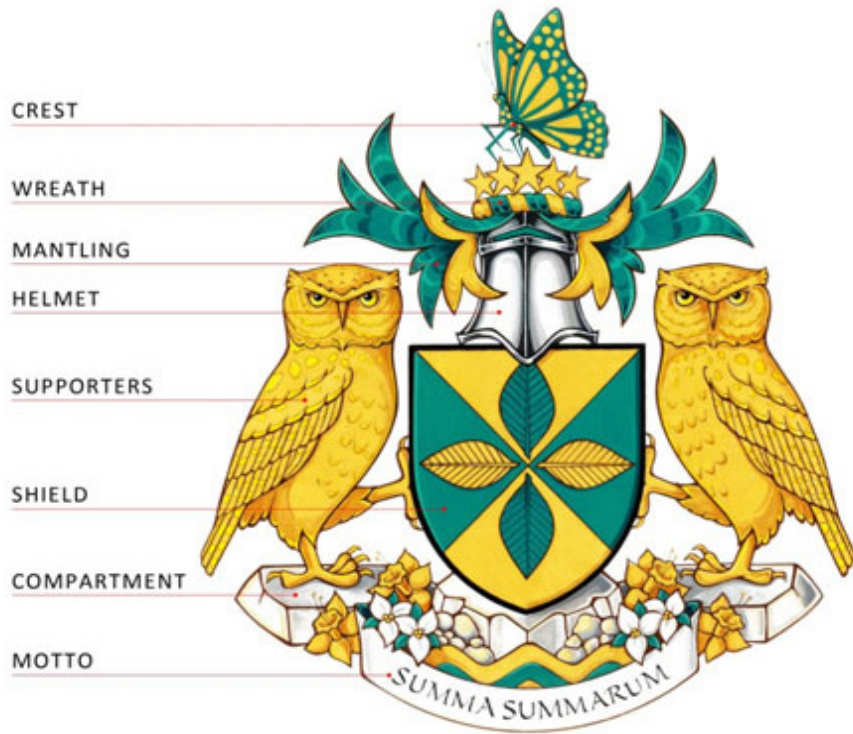


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PARTS OF A COAT OF ARMS



Source: The Governor General of Canada,
<https://www.gg.ca/en/heraldry/parts-coat-arms>

HELMET AND MANTLING

The helmet placed above the shield pays tribute to the origins of heraldry (12th Century nobility). The helmet supports the shield. The fabric flowing from the helmet represents the cloth knights wore to protect them from the sun's heat. The direction the helmet faces can have different meanings.

CREST AND WREATH

These are optional decorations, but have meaning and significance to the person or family the coat of arms belongs to. The crest and wreath go at the top of the coat of arms. It pays tribute to decoration knights wore on top of their helmets to look taller and more imposing.

MOTTO

A short inspirational phrase or series of words. The motto usually appears on a scroll below the shield. Mottos are often written in Latin, but can be in any language.

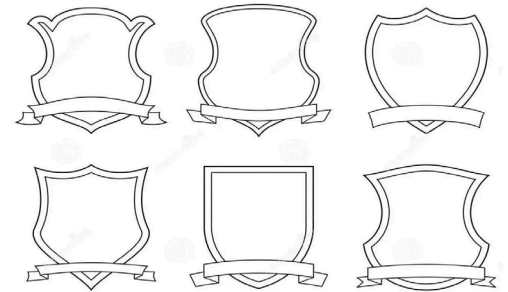
SUPPORTERS AND COMPARTMENT

Supporters appear to be holding up the shield from both sides. They are usually animals and stand on a base called a compartment. Supporters are usually granted to schools, government, and state officials (e.g. Prime Ministers).

SHIELD

The shield is the central shape on a coat of arms. It is where the colours and symbols that make up the coat of arms are placed. Any elements that surround it are optional.

The shield can take on different shapes.



A shield usually includes these features:

FIELD - The field is the background colour(s). At first the field was a solid color, but later patterns began to be used for the field. (See colours page for colour choices and their meaning).

CHARGE - The charge is the main picture in the center of the shield. (See the symbols page for choices and their meanings).

LINES - Lines are designs that appear on the field. They added additional color and uniqueness to the coat of arms.

Name: _____

PROVINCE AND TERRITORY COAT OF ARMS IDENTIFICATION

Below are the coat of arms of each of Canada's Provinces and Territories. Can you match the shield to the name of the province or territory?

Alberta

British Columbia

Manitoba

New Brunswick

Newfoundland

Northwest Territories

Nova Scotia

Nunavut

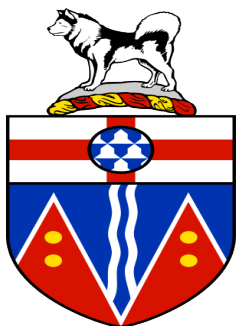
Ontario

Prince Edward Island

Quebec

Saskatchewan

Yukon



PROVINCE AND TERRITORY COAT OF ARMS IDENTIFICATION - ANSWERS



Ontario



Nunavut



British Columbia



New Brunswick



Manitoba



Newfoundland &
Labrador



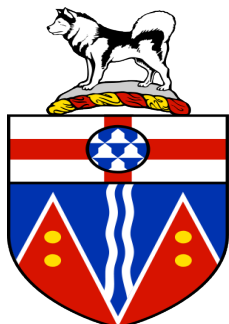
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Nova Scotia



Alberta



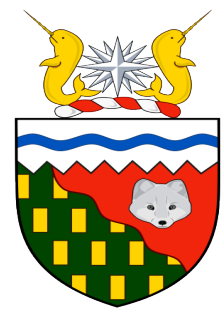
Yukon



Prince Edward
Island

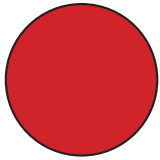


Quebec



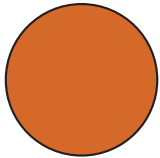
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Territories

COAT OF ARMS COLOURS AND THEIR MEANINGS



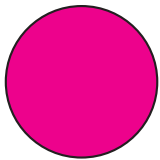
RED

passion, courage, strength, danger, fearlessness, warrior



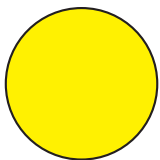
ORANGE

warm, adventures, optimistic, flair, ambition



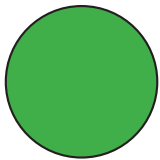
PINK

sweet, romantic, calm, harmony, healing



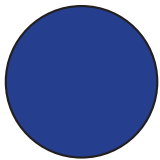
YELLOW/GOLD

cheerful, joy, optimism, sunny, happiness, hope
success, generosity, wealth, virtue



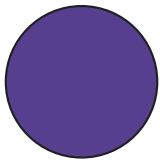
GREEN

healing, growth, harmony, freshness, luck, hope



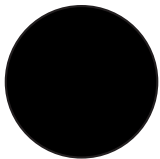
BLUE

truth, loyalty, confidence, faith, understanding, calm, dignity



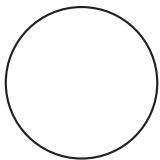
PURPLE

intrigue, pride, richness, mystery, wisdom, wealth, royalty, justice



BLACK

strong, protection, mysterious, formal, sophisticated



SILVER/WHITE

peace, virtue, dignity, insight, reflection, sleek, light

COAT OF ARMS SYMBOLS AND THEIR MEANINGS

ANIMALS:

Are often used as the main symbol on a coat of arms, usually in a dominant (fighting) stance. Here are some common animal symbols and common meanings, but you could come up with and research your own.

BEAR - Protection of your family

BEAVER - industry and perseverance

DEER/ANTLERS - Peace, not fighting unless provoked

DOG - loyalty

DOVE - peace

FALCON - Not stopping until you reach your goal

FISH - generous, virtuous

FOX - wisdom or wit

HORSE - ready for battle

LION - Bravery and strength

OWL - wisdom and insight

SNAKE - wisdom and medicine

OBJECTS:

ANCHOR - Hope and steadfastness

ARROW - Ready for battle

BOOK - education and counsel

CASTLE - Safety and protection

FLOWER - hope and joy

HARP - Person of fair judgement

HEART - Charity and love towards others

KEYS - authority, dominion

WORD - military service

TOOLS - labour, industrious

TOWER/LIGHTHOUSE - protection, watchfulness

WEAPONS - ready for battle

MYTHICAL CREATURES:

DRAGON - valour and protection, guardian of all knowledge

GRIFFIN - vigilance, valour and death-defying bravery

MERMAID - eloquence

UNICORN - extreme courage, virtue and strength

NATURE:

ACORN - antiquity and strength

APPLES - abundance and plenty

BERRIES - liberty and peace

CLOUD - mystery

LEAF - peace and triumph

LIGHTNING BOLT - Speed and power

RAINBOW - good times after bad

ROSE - grace and beauty

STAR - A noble person, excellence

SUN

TREE - growth, righteousness, truth, antiquity, strength

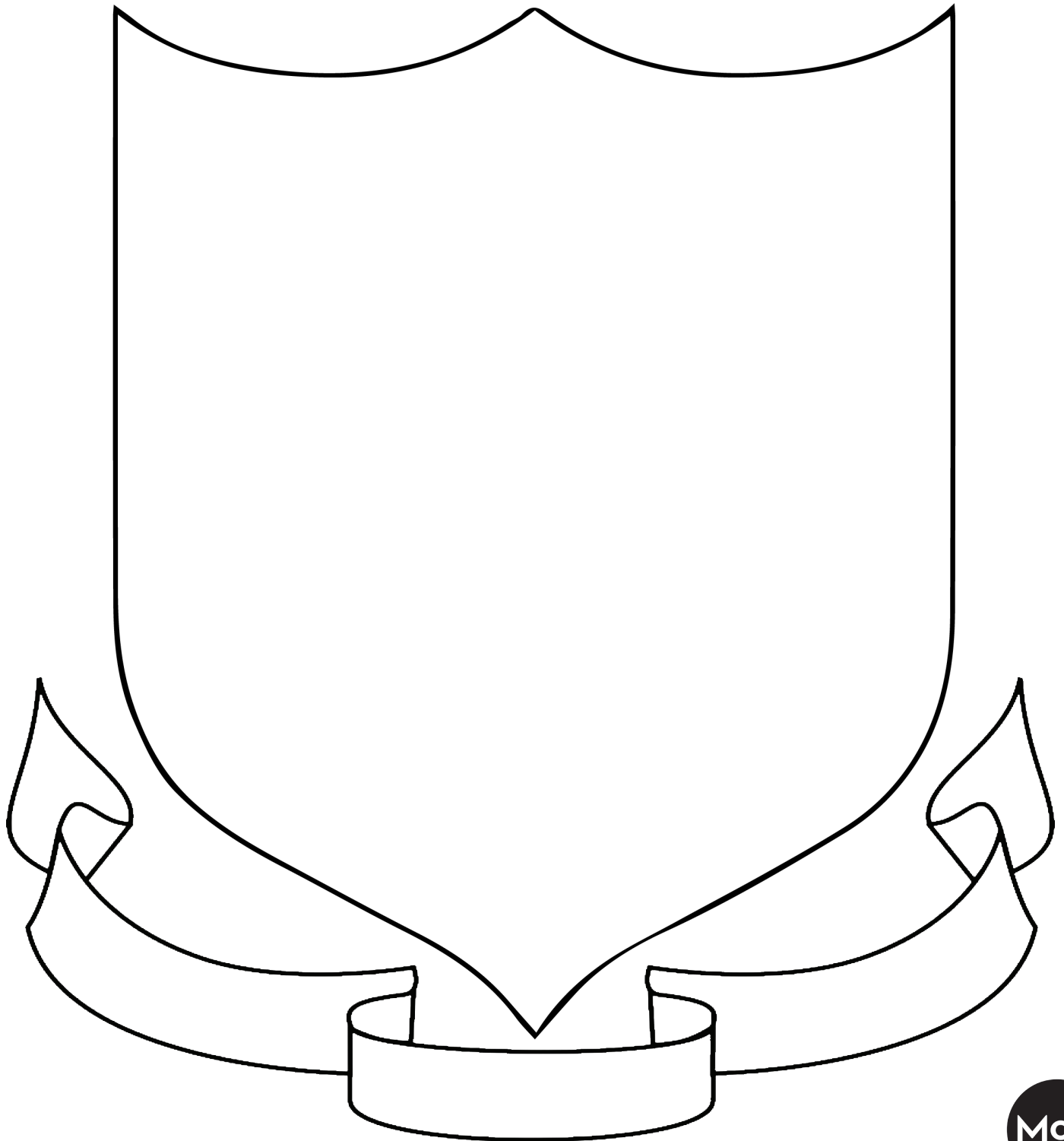
CELESTIAL BEINGS AND RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS:

ANGEL - dignity, glory, honour, missionary, bearer of joyful news

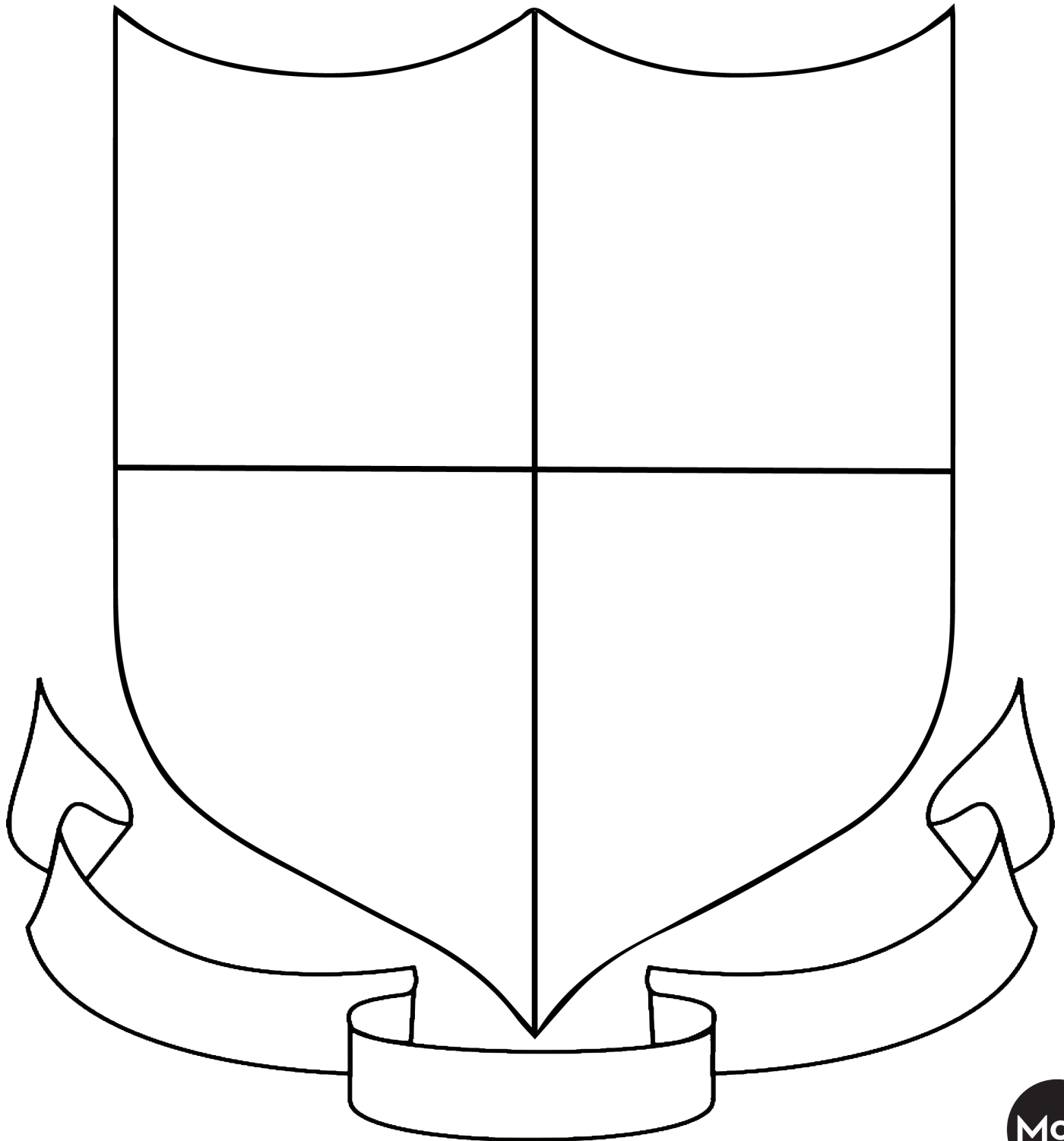
CROSS - faith (Christianity)*

* Any world religion symbol could be used (e.g. Islamic Star and Crescent, Jewish Star of David)

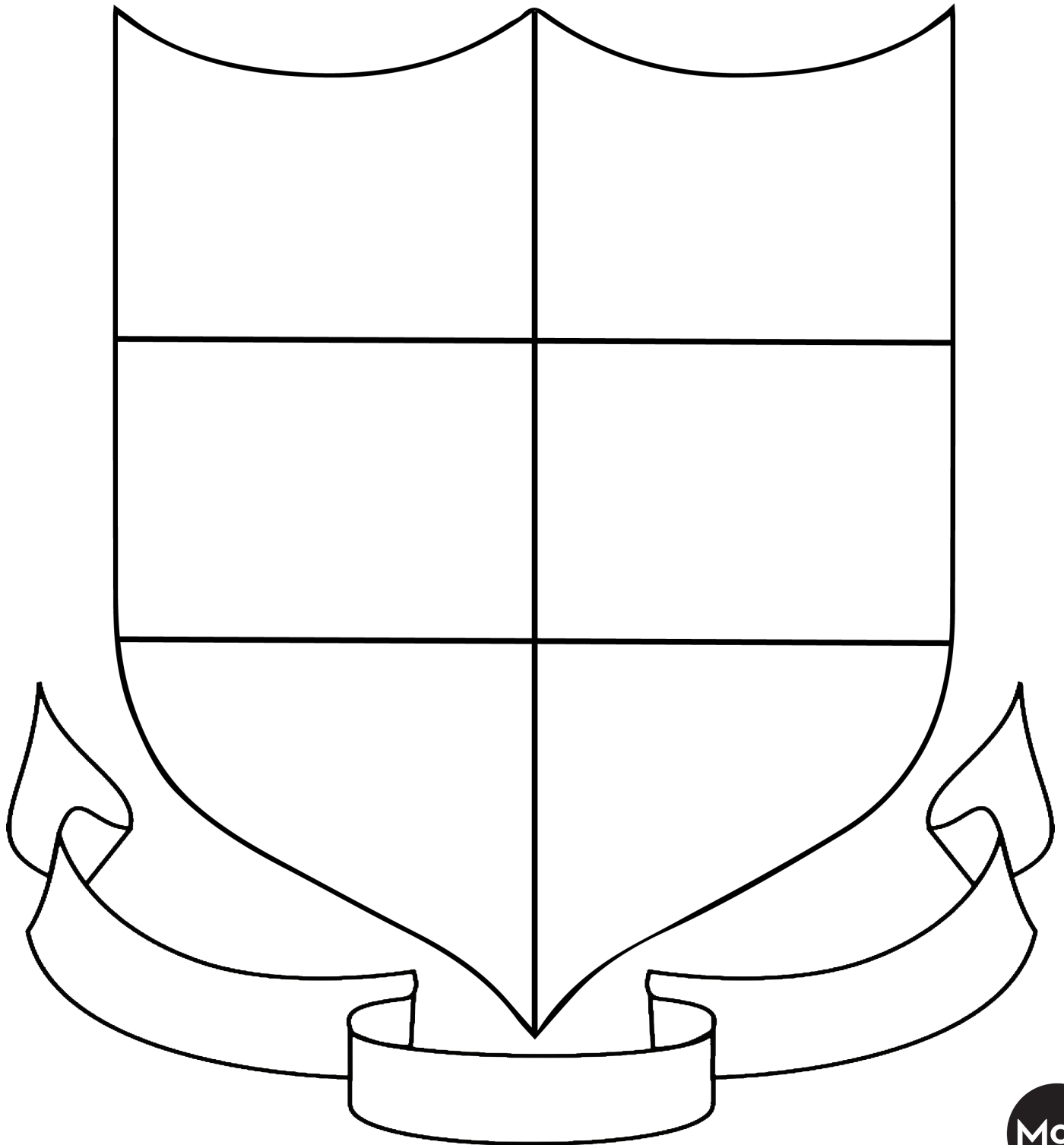
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