



**ACTIVITY: GRADES 3-6**

# Class Coat of Arms

Students work together to create a class symbol that represents the whole.

**Materials**

- Large sheet of poster paper or one copy per student of our free coat of arms template (see next page)
- Variety of art supplies
- Picture of the school mascot
- Class or school motto

**Preparation**

If you didn't print the provided image, draw the outline of a coat of arms on the sheet of poster paper.

**Steps**

1. Introduce the project:  
**We're going to create a class coat of arms. A coat of arms uses pictures, colors, and words to show what's important to a group of people.**
2. Explain the sections of the coat of arms:  
**Each section of the coat of arms will have a different color, picture, or set of words.**
  - Top left section: A picture of an animal with a character trait that's important to the class (see the chart for ideas)
  - Top right section: A color that means something important to the class (see the chart for ideas)
  - Bottom left section: A second color that means something important to the class
  - Bottom right section: A picture of the school mascot
  - Banner: Class or school motto

3. Determine a process for selecting what will go in each section of the coat of arms. You may want the class to vote, or you may want pairs or groups to discuss their ideas and present them to the class.
4. Have students choose colors, pictures, and words to include on the coat of arms.
5. As decisions are made, add the elements to the coat of arms.

**Variation**

Provide copies of a blank coat of arms for students to complete on their own.

Color	Meaning
Red	Bravery
Yellow	Loyalty
Orange	Welcoming
Blue	Responsibility
Green	Honesty

Animal	Meaning
Bear	Strong
Leopard	Agile
Eagle	Wise
Stag	Strong spirit
Lion	Brave

