CRAFT ACTIVITY

MAKE YOUR OWN COAT OF ARMS
WHAT IS A COAT OF ARMS?
A coat of arms is a unique symbol with different pieces that all work together to represent a person or family name, or a province - just like Ontario!

Each provincial coat of arms has a shield with an important symbol in the middle and at least two animals who support the shield. Last but not least, there is a motto or catch phrase at the bottom!
DID YOU KNOW?

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO HAS ITS VERY OWN COAT OF ARMS!
It was the first provincial parliament granted its own coat of arms.


THE DEER REPRESENT THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS IN THE PROVINCE.

AT THE BOTTOM IS OUR MOTTO - AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM (IT MEANS “HEAR THE OTHER SIDE”).

THERE IS A CROWN TO REPRESENT THE QUEEN, AND A GRiffin TO REPRESENT JUSTICE AND EQUITY. THE GRiffin ALSO HOLDS A CALUMET PIPE AND HONOURS ONTARIO’S INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.
THE STEPS

1. Sketch the outline
2. Gather your materials
3. Begin adding decorations
4. Complete your project
WHAT YOU’LL NEED
For this activity, it helps if you have:
• regular paper, construction paper or cardboard paper
• scissors
• glue
• aluminum foil
• decorative supplies like pipe cleaners, beads, stickers, jewels, etc.
• a parent or guardian to help
• optional: print out the attached template as the base of your coat of arms
STEP 1

GET THE TEMPLATE
Download and print the attached coat of arms template to begin creating your own coat of arms. You can also design your own shape - be creative! Cover the template with aluminum foil to make it shine.
STEP 2

**CHOOSE YOUR MATERIALS**
Use markers or pipe cleaners, tissue paper, jewels or stickers - whatever you want! Get creative!

RIGHT: POSSIBLE CRAFT SUPPLIES
STEP 3

MAKE IT PERSONAL
Don’t forget to include things like your favourite colours, pets, hobbies, and objects that make you YOU!

RIGHT: A SAMPLE COAT OF ARMS IN PROGRESS
WHEN YOU’VE FINISHED
Take a picture of your masterpiece and share it with us! Ask a parent or guardian first and post your finished masterpiece to Twitter or Instagram with the hashtag #qpkids!

ABOVE: AN EXAMPLE OF A FINISHED COAT OF ARMS CRAFT
THIS COAT OF ARMS
BELONGS TO:

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

COAT OF ARMS TEMPLATE