

Shield Spotter Trail



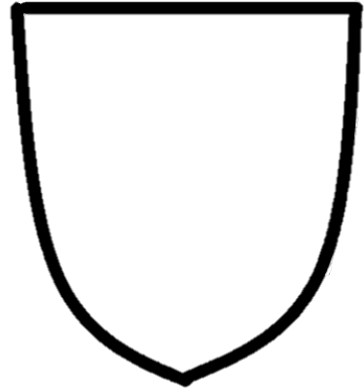
Follow the trail around the castle and investigate these shields! There are many different types of heraldic shields, what will you discover about the castle's past?

As you enter the castle, **look for the shield that belongs to the Scottish royal family. Which symbol shows a royal connection?**

Hint: what does a monarch (king or queen) wear?

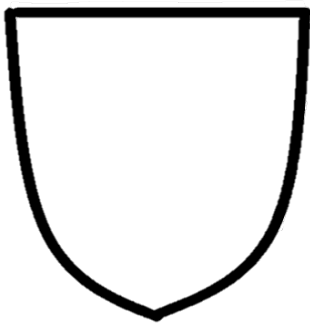


Now **draw the shield!**



As you walk toward the Lang Stairs, **look for the coat of arms for Sir Thomas Randolph.**

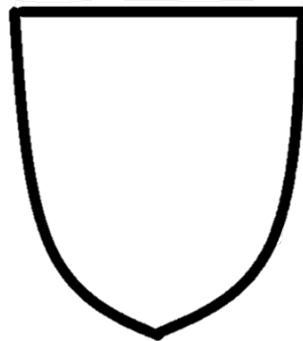
A **coat of arms** is the supporting design around a **shield**.



Can you find the **shield** in the **coat of arms**? Draw what you see!

Find the unicorn that sits outside the Scottish National War Memorial.

Do you recognise the shape on this **shield**? Where have you seen this before? Hint: Look to your right at the flagpole, recognise this shape now?



It is an example of an **ordinary**, shapes commonly used on **shields**.

Mary Queen of Scots first husband was Francis II of France. Their **shield** in the Great Hall includes a pun on Francis' title, the Dauphin.

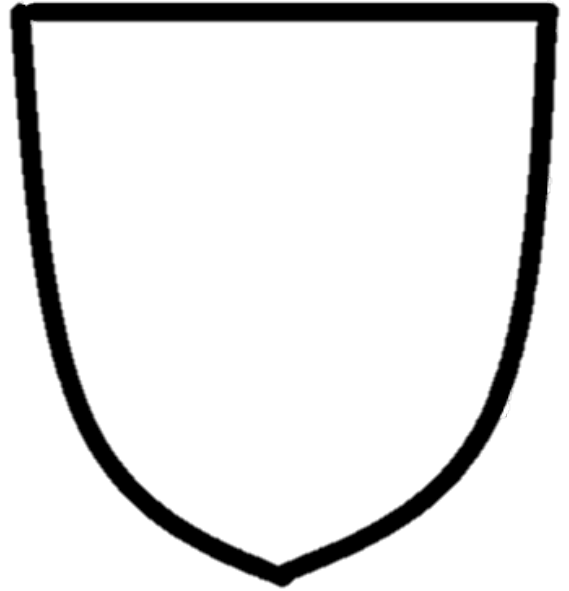
What animal sounds like Dauphin? Write or draw it below!

Now **find the shield**!

This is an example of **marshalling**, when two families come together to create a new heraldic **shield**.

My shield ideas:

Find a shield that has nature depicted, there are several in the Great Hall. Draw your **favourite shield**.



Objects, shapes or animals which decorate shields are called **charges**.

What might these **charges** tell us about the person or family they belong to? Write your thoughts below!

