

WALT: design a Roman shield.



Roman Shields



Think time...

Have a look at this Roman shield. What do you think the different parts of the shield symbolise?



These wings are
eagles wings.
The eagle was
the symbol of
the Roman army.



The lightning bolts
signify Jupiter.
Jupiter was the king
of the Roman Gods.

The colour Red
was the symbol of
Mars, the Roman
God of war.

Victory Wreath

Some shields would also come with a wreath. The wreath symbolises Victory. Roman emperors would wear a wreath rather than a crown.



45167 Venus - Aul. Augustus, Augustus wearing a laurel wreath (detail) (1st c.) (fig. 100) (Aul. Augustus, 1st c.)

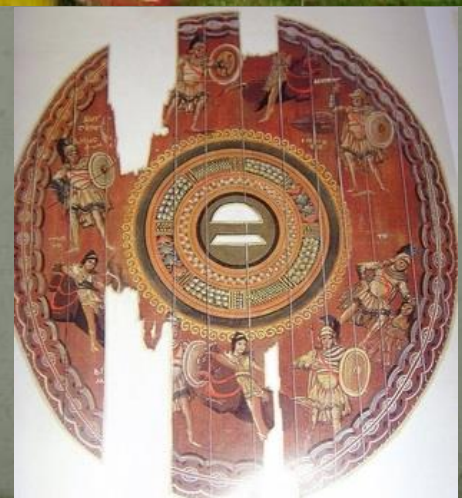
Not all shields were painted the same though...

Senior Roman soldiers would pay a craftsman to paint their shield. It would have often have scenes from myths or from famous battles.



In fact...

There were lots of different designs of shield.



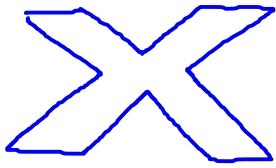
Roman soldiers would paint their shields with something that was important to them, or to their legion.

You are going to be designing your own Roman shield. What is important to you that you'd draw on your shield?

Remember to keep the design **simple and bold**. You will want your enemies to be able to see it from far away.



What designs might a Roman put on their shield?

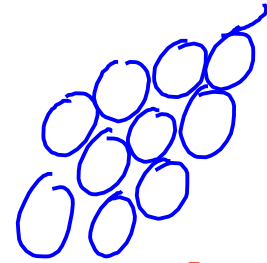
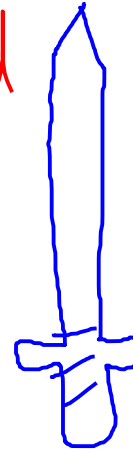


Roman numerals



Lightning bolt

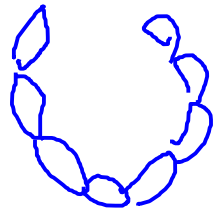
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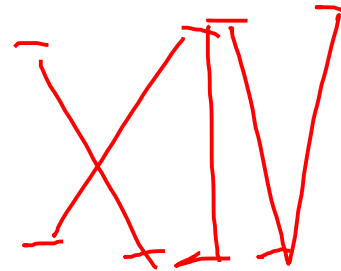
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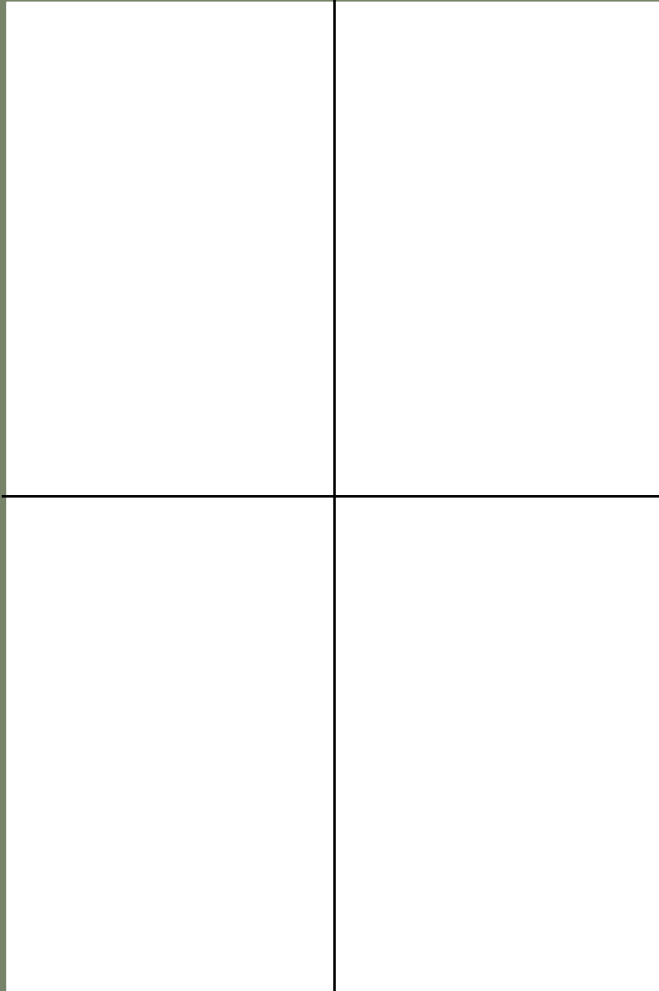
Money



Wreath



Use a ruler to divide a page into 4 quarters.



Practise drawing a mix of designs that would make your shield striking to the enemy.



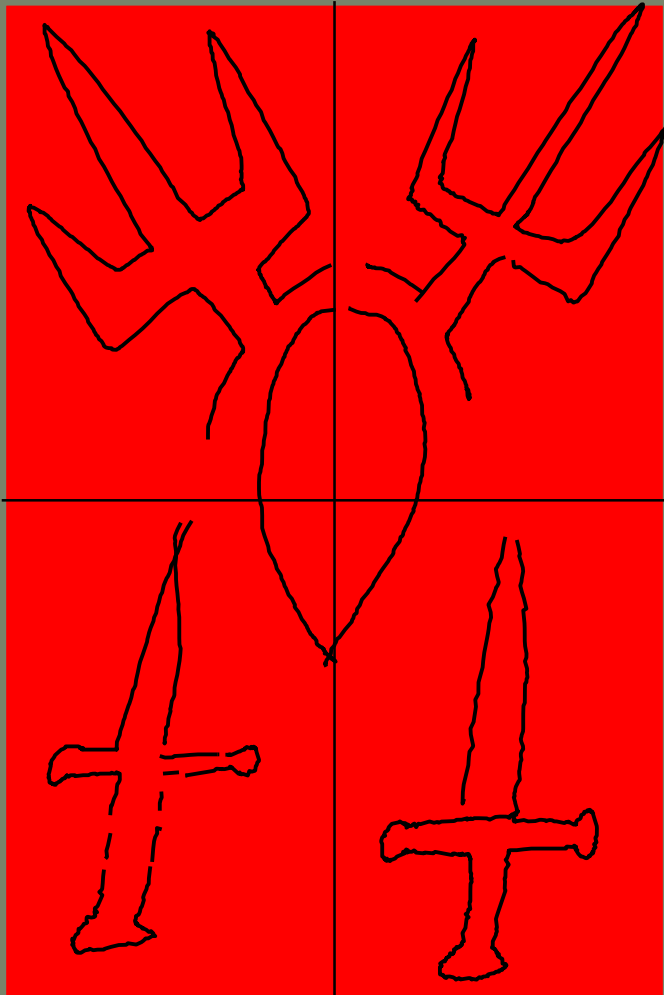
WILF

- Take your time
- Simple outlines
- Press lightly with the pencil

Challenge

Can you write the year you were born using Roman numerals?

Carefully pencil your favourite designs on
to your shield



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enemy.



WILF

- Big, clear designs
- Make sure that it is
symmetrical (same on
both sides)

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