Learn and Tour questions

During your tour of DeBary Hall, look around the hall and grounds. What are some different symbols you would use if you were describing the hall with no words? Which symbols would you pick? Why did you pick those? Fill in the crest below and give a brief description of why you picked the symbols you did.





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HERALDRY IN AMERICA: The deBary Family Crest

About this lesson

In this Learn and Tour activity, you will learn about the deBary family crest. You will learn where the deBarys came from, the way family crests were created, and the meanings behind common sayings and symbols seen on typical crests.

Benchmarks and skills

Grade levels: 3 to 5

Benchmarks: Social Studies and Art

Big ideas: American History; Geography; Economics; Critical Thinking and Reflection; Skills, Techniques and Processes; Organization and Structure,; Historical and Global Connections

Vocabulary

Heraldry—The art of devising and describing coats of arms, tracing genealogies, etc.

Symbolism—Representing things by symbols

Genealogy—The study of family ancestries

Pictograms—Record consisting of pictorial symbols, such as a prehistoric cave drawing or a graph or chart with symbolic figures

Logo—Representation or symbol of a company name, trademark, etc.

Shield—Plate of armor carried on the arm

Crest—Emblem or insignia worn as a sign of membership, authority, etc.

Background

The art of heraldry began as a way to distinguish warriors in battle. However, using a symbol as identification has a much broader and farther reaching history. Often pictures and symbols were used to communicate with someone who could not read and even with people who did not share the same language. Pictures, pictograms and symbols have been used since the time when prehistoric man walked the earth!

Fredrick deBary came up the St. John s River in 1870 to Enterprise, Florida. He fell in love with the area and created his own winter retreat, bringing with him his culture and ancestry. The deBary coat of arms is on display in several locations within the house.

In the classroom

As a class, explore the meaning behind a family crest. You can use your own family crest ,or see if there is a name associated with your school , town or state and examine that crest. Think about some symbols that have special meaning to you. Why do they matter to you? What do they symbolize to you? What might they symbolize to someone else? Think about the symbols we see on a daily basis such as road signs, company and product logos, and even school or work uniforms.

A family crest can be a very important tool for learning about a family's social and economic history. By looking at the crest and what the symbols mean, students can draw a better understanding of the circumstances involved in creating the crest and the symbolism behind it.