

Shielding

In the Middle Ages, knights carried shields as part of their protective armor. Folklore suggests that, through the years, knights began to decorate their shields so that they could easily be identified in the field of battle. Those images, legend has it, were representative of the knight's home, personality, family, etc. Your assignment is to design a shield to represent you.

1. Draw an outline of a shield on a large piece of paper.
2. Draw a circle in the middle of your shield and write the word 'symbols' at the top of the circle.
3. Divide the remaining portion of the shield into four equal parts.
4. Label the parts: setting, plot, theme, and irony.
5. In the setting section, describe every place you have ever lived.
6. In the plot section, write a summary of your life story.
7. In the theme section, write a message you would like to give to the world. If you had a megaphone and a chance to tell the whole world something, what would it be?
8. In the irony section, write a few sentences that tell how you are really very different (opposite) of how you first appear to others.
9. In the symbol section, draw or attach five objects that reveal different facets of your personality.
10. Bring your shield to class Friday to share. You may be as creative as you choose. This activity should be FUN!