

Roman Shields



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 lightening 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.



Not all shields were painted the same though...

Senior Roman soldiers would pay a craftsman to paint their shield. It would 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.

Remember to keep the design simple and bold.

You will want your enemies to be able to see it from far away.

