

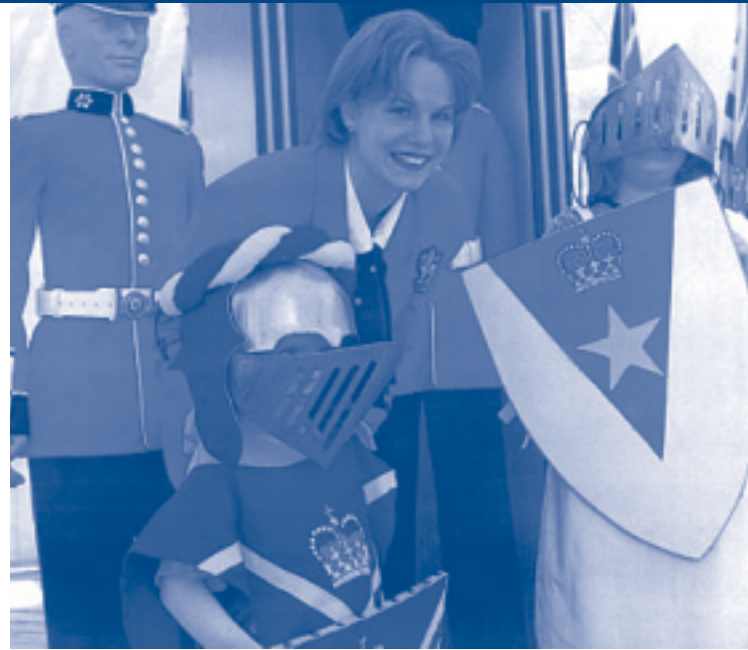


Flags and coats of arms are heraldic emblems. Heraldry first emerged as an art in medieval Europe (12th century). At the time, it served to identify knights during battles. To ensure they could be identified, these knights had heraldic figures on their shields and banners. This was the origin of the first coats of arms.

When Knights Rode Abroad

Coats of arms consist of a unique set of symbols describing the history, geography, nature and aspirations of an organization or a person. Today, the Canadian Heraldic Authority is responsible for granting and registering Canadian heraldic emblems.

The Governor General is the Head of the Canadian Heraldic Authority.



Choice of answers

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| crest | herald | person | symbol of honour |
| emblems | motto | shield | |
| flags | organization | supporters | |

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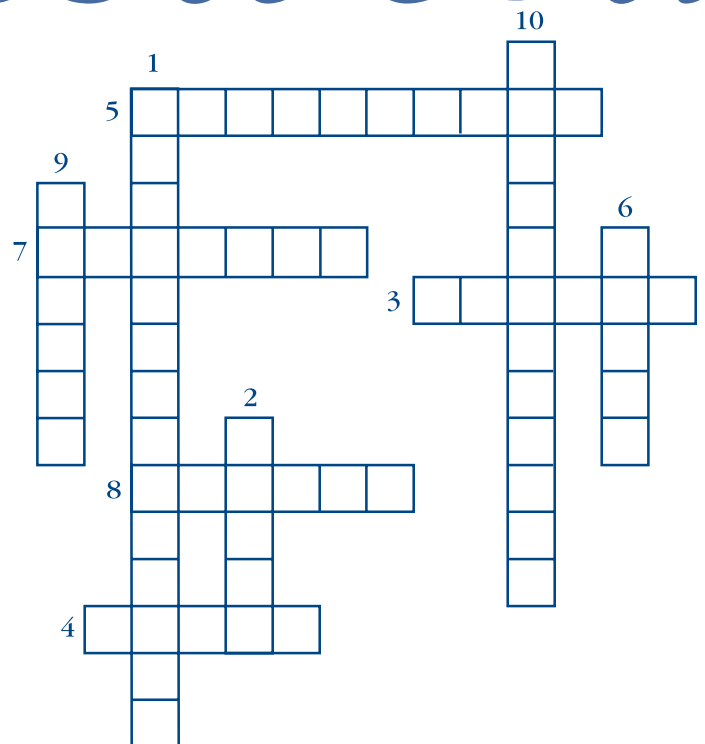
A coat of arms is a 1) _____ granted by the Crown of Canada.

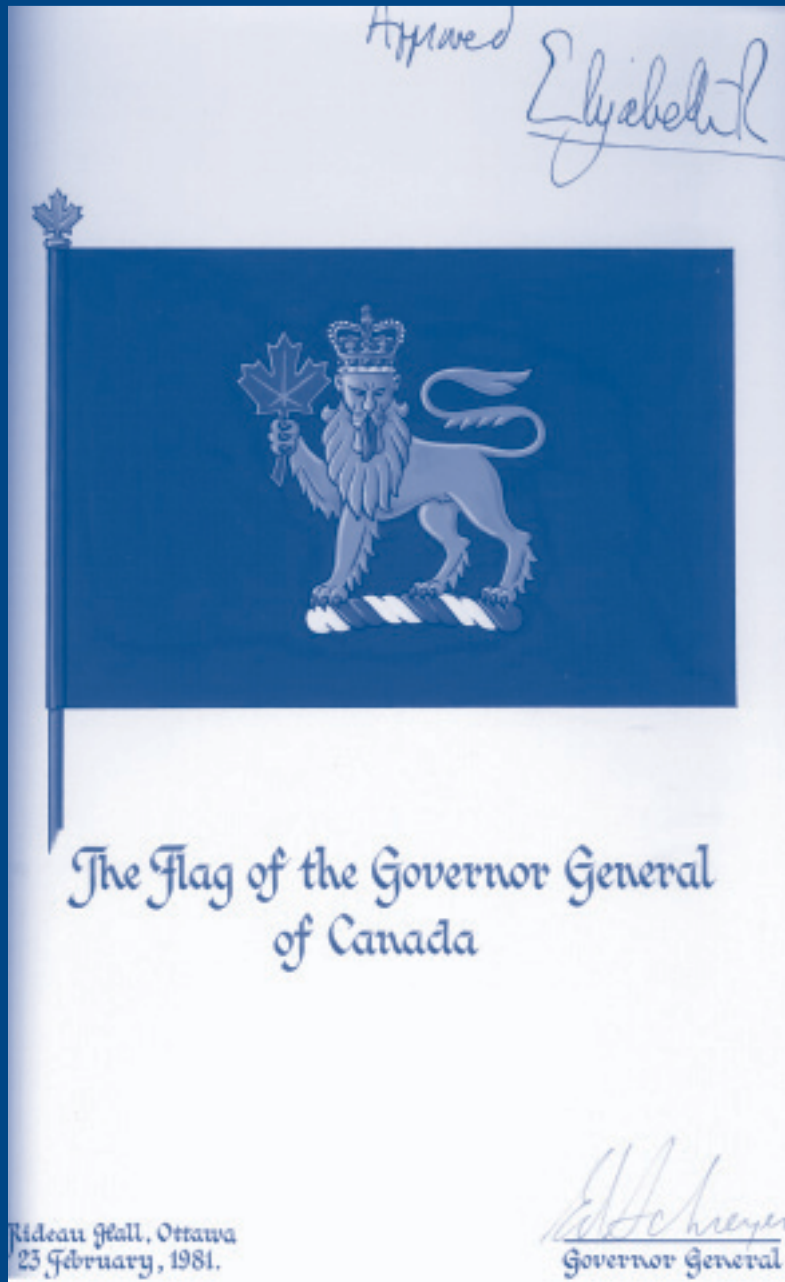
A coat of arms consists of a 2) _____ in the upper part, a 3) _____ in the middle, a 4) _____ in the lower part and 5) _____ on the sides.

6) _____ and coats of arms are heraldic 7) _____.

A 8) _____ is a specialist in heraldry.

Any 9) _____ or Canadian 10) _____ may submit an application for a coat of arms.





Document, signed by The Queen, approving the Governor General of Canada's standard (1981)

- 3 If the Governor General participates in a meeting in another province, where will the Governor General's standard be flown?
 - a) On the building where the meeting is taking place
 - b) On the building where the Governor General is staying
 - c) On the vehicle in which the Governor General is travelling
 - d) All of the above
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 - a) What does it mean when a flag is flown low on the mast?
 - b) What expression is used to describe a flag flown low on its mast?

The Governor General's Standard



Canada's Coat of Arms

The Governor General's standard displays a golden lion on a blue background. The lion holds a maple leaf in its right paw and stands on a red and white wreath, Canada's official colours. You will see the standard flying at Rideau Hall when the Governor General is there or in the immediate area. At other times, the Canadian flag is flown. This emblem also appears in Canada's Coat of Arms (above).

- 1 In Canada, the Governor General's standard takes precedence over all other flags or standards except one. Which one?
 - a) The provincial flag
 - b) The royal standard of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
 - c) The Canadian flag
 - d) None of the above
- 2 What flag or standard is used by the Governor General during visits abroad?
 - a) The Canadian flag
 - b) The Governor General's standard
 - c) The royal standard
 - d) None of the above

Vice-regal standard mounted on the dogsled carrying Governor General Vincent Massey during a visit to the NWT (1956)



In Colour

Colour the Governor General's standard using the following code:

Y = Yellow, R = Red, W = White, B = Blue, G = Green

- 1 Explain what each of the following parts represents on the standard.

- Lion
- Maple leaf
- Crown

- 2 What do the red and white represent?

