ngraved along the base of a sword belonging to Mulan's father are the Chinese characters signifying "Loyal Brave True." As she is tested through difficult training and battle, a simple glance at these words serves as a reminder to Mulan of her family's values and legacy. This constant reminder of her ancestors and family's core beliefs plays an important role in guiding and motivating Mulan throughout her journey.

HONOR MY PAMA

For centuries, families have used words and imagery to represent their own core values. A family crest, for example, is a visual emblem that showcases what a family has achieved or what matters most to them. In these designs, various symbols are often used on a crest to identify particular traits, customs or beliefs important to a family. For example, a valiant horse may represent the value of bravery, an old, sturdy tree may stand for wisdom and knowledge, or a majestic, soaring bird could signify freedom or harmony.

Think about the values and traditions that you and your family hold dear, and consider how those traits can be interpreted through words or symbols. Perhaps your family is passionate about volunteering in your neighborhood or reducing your impact on the planet by taking actions such as recycling and composting. Are there particular words, images or shapes that you could use to embody what your family stands for? Follow the steps on the next page to illustrate those beliefs through the design of a unique family crest.



Brainstorm words that describe what is important to your family and write the words on the lines below. Then, choose one or two words you've written down and think about an image or symbol that could represent each word. In the area below, combine the images and words into a drawing that shares your family's legacy.

Examples:





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