

Ancient Voices

Worksheet for French Classes



CHART I: Historical Characters of France

Select one of the characters below and on the back of this handout draw your design for a mask, incorporating into the mask design a few of the symbols and emblems relating to your chosen character.

Name	Symbols and Emblems, Identifying Characteristics
CHARLEMAGNE	Shoulder length gray hair, beard; blue cloak and sword; headband decorated with globe surmounted by a cross; Crown of Charlemagne, a golden, jeweled headband or circlet topped with four jewel-encrusted fleur de list.
JOAN OF ARC	Helmet; Croix de Lorraine, a two-barred cross; flames; a sword with flames; Jeanne d'Arc Coat of Arms, a crown or golden ring centered above an upright sword flanked by two white fleur de lis on a blue background.
LOUIS XIV	Long, thick, cascading curls of dark hair, pencil-thin mustache; ruffled lace cravat; Coat of Arms, three golden Fleur de lis on a blue background; crown with emeralds, sun emblem.
MARIE ANTOINETTE	Big hair — white, towering wig dressed with pearls, feathers, jewels, etc.; the French Blue diamond of the crown (later recut into Hope Diamond) fleur de lis, symbol of French monarchy.
LOUIS XVI	Powdered wig with tight curls at side of head, triangular hat with feathers decorated with fleur de lis , a four-pointed, pommel-pointed star medallion; crown, scepter; the Phrygian "red cap" or "bonnet rouge," potent symbol of the French Revolution—when the king was forced to sign the constitution, popular prints were doctored to show Louis wearing it.
NAPOLEON	Bicorne (two-cornered) hat, Napoleonic Coat of Arms or elements from its design, including the following symbols: eagle, bee, hand of justice, scepter, Imperial crown, Imperial mantle and the Legion d'honneur, a five-pointed, pommel-pointed star in white enamel with a profile of the Emperor at its center.

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CHART II: *Conte de Fees* - Classic French Fairy Tale Figures

Select one of the characters below and on the back of this handout draw your design for a mask, incorporating into the mask design a few of the symbols and emblems relating to your chosen character.

Name	Symbols and Emblems, Identifying Characteristics
UN CHEVALIER (KNIGHT)	Shoulder length gray hair, beard; blue cloak and sword; headband decorated with globe surmounted by a cross; Crown of Charlemagne, a golden, jeweled headband or circlet topped with four jewel-encrusted fleur de list.
LA REINE (QUEEN)	Helmet; Croix de Lorraine, a two-barred cross; flames; a sword with flames; Jeanne d'Arcy Coat of Arms, a crown or golden ring centered above an upright sword flanked by two white fleur de lis on a blue background.
LE ROI (KING)	Long, thick, cascading curls of dark hair, pencil-thin mustache; ruffled lace cravat; Coat of Arms, three golden Fleur de lis on a blue background; crown with emeralds, sun emblem.
LE PRINCE	Big hair — white, towering wig dressed with pearls, feathers, jewels, etc.; the French Blue diamond of the crown (later recut into Hope Diamond) fleur de lis, symbol of French monarchy.
LA PRINCESSE	Powdered wig with tight curls at side of head, triangular hat with feathers decorated with fleur de lis , a four-pointed, pommel-pointed star medallion; crown, scepter; the Phrygian "red cap" or "bonnet rouge," potent symbol of the French Revolution—when the king was forced to sign the constitution, popular prints were doctored to show Louis wearing it.
UNE MARATRE (WICKED STEPMOTHER)	Bicorne (two-cornered) hat, Napoleonic Coat of Arms or elements from its design, including the following symbols: eagle, bee, hand of justice, scepter, Imperial crown, Imperial mantle and the Legion d'honneur, a five-pointed, pommel-pointed star in white enamel with a profile of the Emperor at its center.
UN GEANT (GIANT)	Rough, swarthy features, angry eyes and facial expression, a headband featuring symbols particular to the story.