

# Roman Shields



Talk to your partner...

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 lightning bolts signify Jupiter. Jupiter was the king of the Roman Gods.

The colour Red was the symbol of Mars, the Roman God of war.



Not all shields were painted the same though...

Senior Roman soldiers would pay a craftsman to paint their shield. It would have 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. What is important to you that you'd draw on your shield.

Remember to keep the design simple and bold. You will want your enemies to be able to see it from far away.

