

The Code of Chivalry

There was no single, universal code of chivalry during the middle ages; however, they all included rules/guidelines indicating proper behavior. Some examples, compiled from various sources:

- Live to serve King and Country.
- Live to defend Crown and Country and all it holds dear.
- Live one's life so that it is worthy of respect and honor.
- Live for freedom, justice and all that is good.
- Never attack an unarmed foe.
- Never use a weapon on an opponent not equal to the attack.
- Never attack from behind.
- Avoid lying to your fellow man.
- Avoid cheating.
- Avoid torture.
- Obey the law of king, country, and chivalry.
- Administer justice.
- Protect the innocent.
- Exhibit self-control.
- Show respect to authority.
- Respect women.
- Exhibit Courage in word and deed.
- Defend the weak and innocent.
- Destroy evil in all of its monstrous forms.
- Crush the monsters that steal our land and rob our people.
- Fight with honor.
- Avenge the wronged.
- Never abandon a friend, ally, or noble cause.
- Fight for the ideals of king, country, and chivalry.
- Die with valor.
- Always keep one's word of honor.
- Always maintain one's principles.
- Never betray a confidence or comrade.
- Avoid deception.
- Respect life and freedom.
- Die with honor.
- Exhibit manners.
- Be polite and attentive.
- Be respectful of host, women, and honor.
- Be loyal to country, King, honor, freedom, and the code of chivalry.
- Maintain loyalty to one's friends and those who lay their trust in thee.

For your chivalry project, you will do the following:

- 1.) Translate TEN of these to 21st-century-relevant language & application (we did this as class discussion).
- 2.) Pick THREE “Rules of 21st Century Chivalry” that you will commit to following for five days.
- 3.) Keep a journal (with DAILY entries) throughout the week, Recording how you succeeded/failed at following your own code of chivalry.
- 4.) Write a summary/reflection essay at the conclusion of the week.