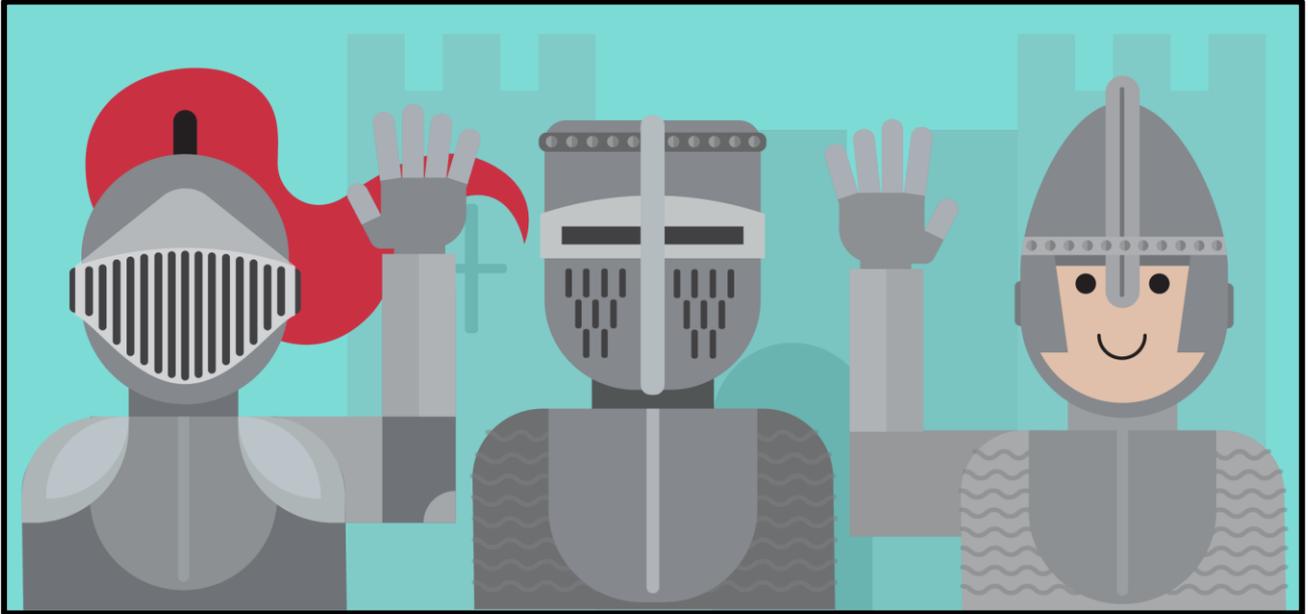


Deepening Understanding

YRI Information Text

A Knight's Armour by Hannah Raven



Knights were brave fighters hundreds of years ago. They were the best soldiers and it was their job to protect the Kingdom. It took many years to train to become a knight. To protect themselves in battles and tournaments they had to wear a special uniform called armour. Armour was made out of a heavy metal. Let's take a closer look at what they wore.

Q1

What was armour made from?

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Q2

What does the word 'protect' mean?

Circle one.

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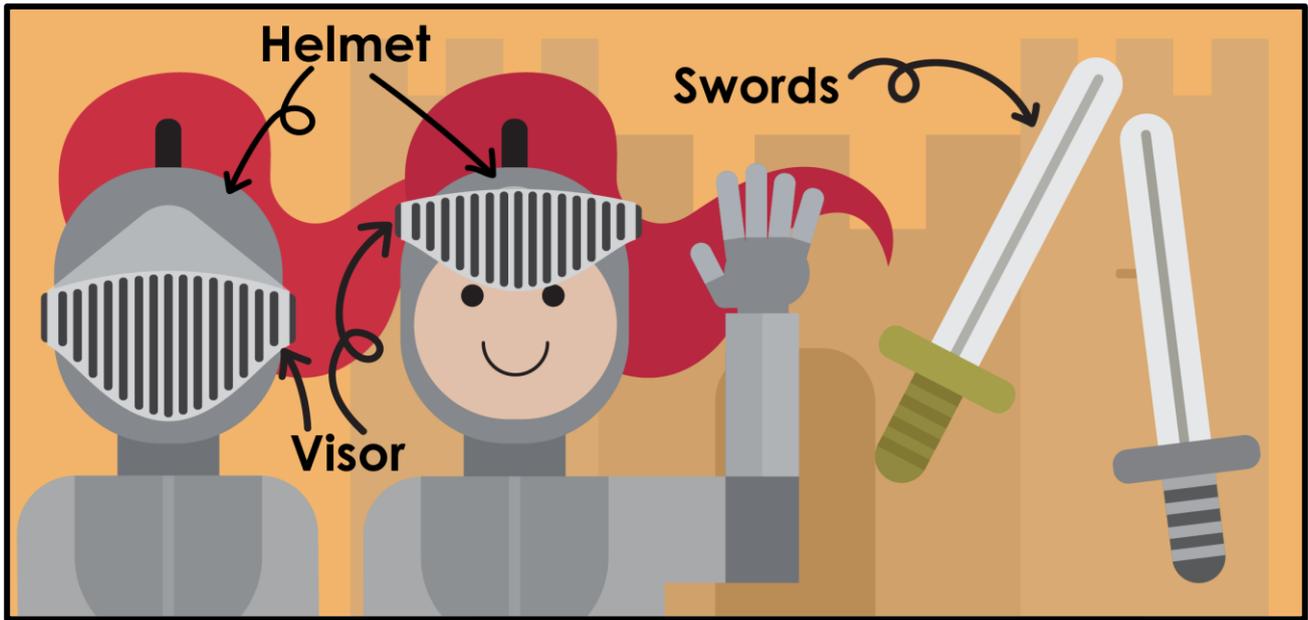
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Helmet

A helmet protected the knight's head and neck. On the helmet was a visor. A visor is a shield that could be pulled down during battle to protect the knight's eyes. Small holes on the visor meant that the knight could see.

Q3

What would happen if a knight's visor did not have holes in? Circle one.

They would not be able to see their enemies.

They would be able to see into the distance.

They would not be able to eat their dinner.

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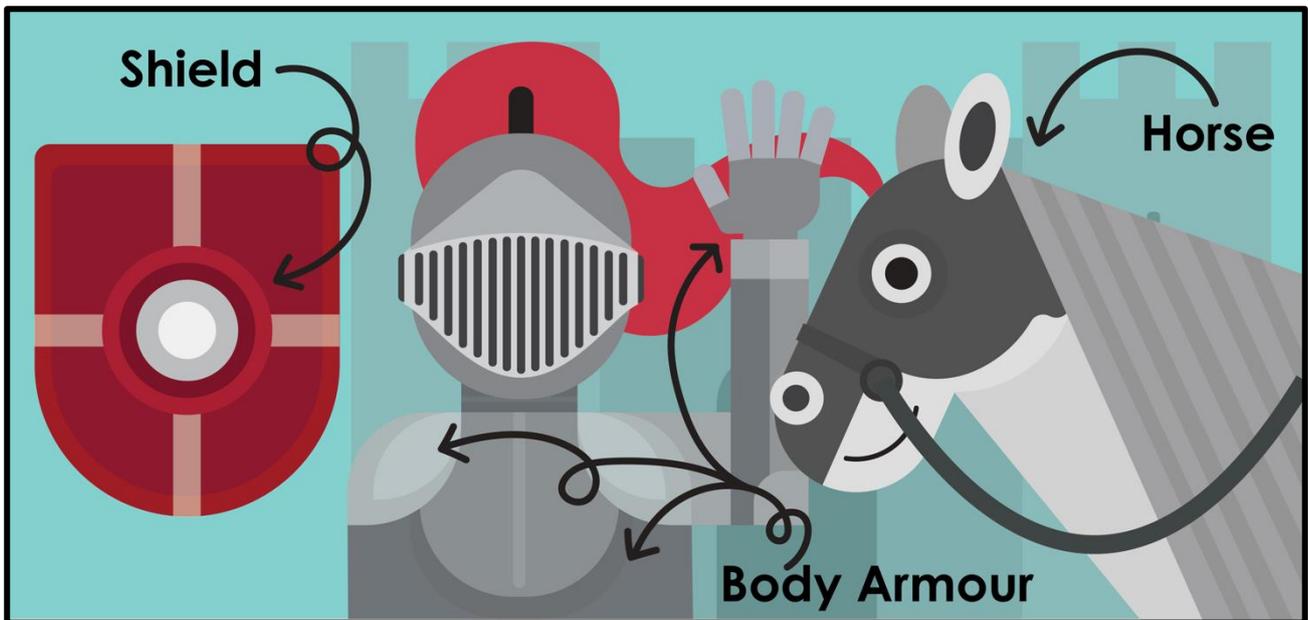
Sword

Swords came in different shapes and sizes. Some knights used one large sword, which they needed to control using both of their hands. Others preferred to use a smaller sword in one hand and have a shield in another.

Q4

Why did some knights use a smaller sword?

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Shield

Some knights carried a shield to block their enemies from attacking them.

Body Armour

Many knights wore plate armour. This type of armour was made in sections so it was easy for them to move in. Different metal plates covered the knight's throat, chest, arms, stomach and legs. They even wore metal gloves to cover their hands.

Horse

Horses were very important to knights. They were used to go to battle, hunting and for carrying the Knight's bags. They were trained for battle and also wore protective armour.

Q5

Write down *two* reasons why horses were important to knights.

1) _____

2) _____

2 Marks

Q6

Tick true or false for each statement about a knight's armour.

| Statement | True | False |
|--|------|-------|
| Knights were not trained to fight. | | |
| A knight's helmet protects their feet. | | |
| Some knights wore plate armour. | | |

1 Mark