HISTORY

Heraldry

Brief summary of activity:

In this puzzle the user has to use historical information to produce heraldic coats for arms for a series of families. The user is presented with all of the information they need to embark on this activity which can be very taxing.

Specific Curriculum Area:

Key Stage 3 History

Assessment Method:

If the teacher asks pupils to take screenshots at particular times a permanent record can be kept of the decisions that have been made. Alternatively, the teacher could produce a worksheet which the pupil could complete as they proceed through the activity. These could then be marked against the correct answers.

Differentiation:

In this activity differentiation can occur through repeated reference to the introductory information. Some pupils may need to keep referring to the information, whilst others may read it once and then now exactly what to do. This activity can look quite difficult, but all the necessary information is given in the introductory screens.

Learning Outcomes:

Children will be able to: know the component parts of heraldic shields; construct heraldic shields from given information.

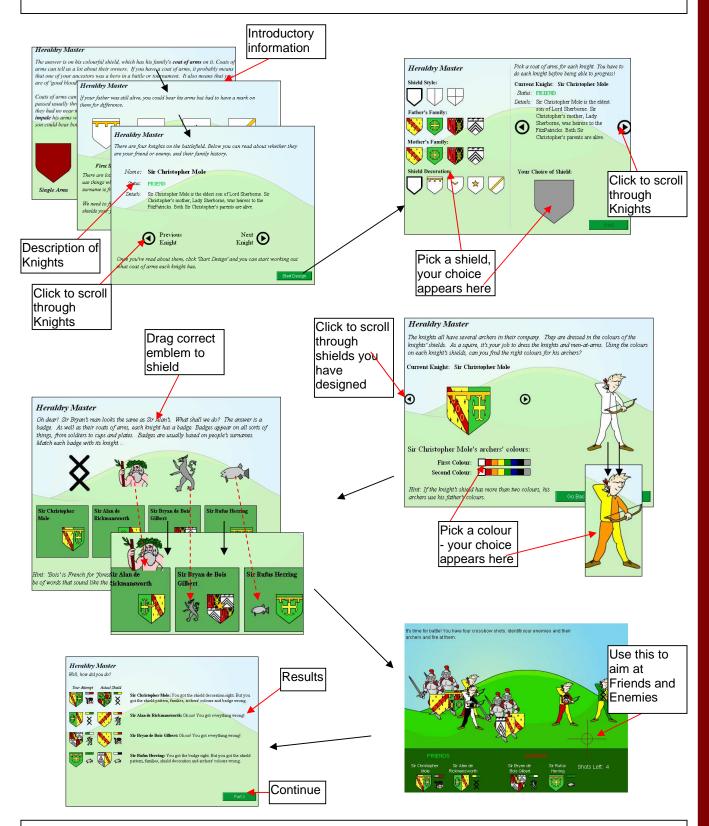
Use of Activity in a Lesson:

This activity would be an excellent task for pupils working individually, but because some of the information is complex, working in pairs might also be a viable method. Either way would result in interesting outcomes, especially in the end scenes when the user finds out if the choices they have made are correct or not.

Hints and Tips for Teachers:

- 1. Ensure pupils are read the introductory scenes.
- 2. Ensure pupils are aware of the meaning of heraldry
- 3. It may be useful to have genuine family crests or shields available to look at.
- 4. Pupils might benefit from using pen and paper to make notes.
- 5. The word 'illegitimate' may have to be explained (it appears on one screen describing familial relationships)

URL:



Troubleshooting:

Pupils would benefit from using pen and paper to make notes.

Other Links:

http://www.digiserve.com/heraldry/, http://www.yourchildlearns.com/heraldry.htm