The Lion Armour

The Royal Armouries museum is home to some amazing pieces of armour, including the incredible Lion Armour. This fierce suit of armour could have been made for a very special person. Read on to discover more!

Additional resources

You can see lots of close-up images of the lions on this armour on our Collections Online website: collections.royalarmouries.org

Watch a video all about this armour on our YouTube channel.
Fascinating Facts

Amazing Armour
This incredible suit of armour is over 400 years old.
This picture is of the shoulder piece.
Can you see the lion’s face?
Can you point out all the different parts of the lion in the pattern?
Can you find the lion’s terrifying teeth?

What makes this armour special?
Well, we think that this suit of armour might have been made for a very special person - King Henri II of France (Born 1519 – died 1559).
Do you think this armour is fancy enough for a king?
Things to do

Design

Decorate this armour with an animal pattern. It can be any animal you like.

Think

Write the name of your suit of armour in this box.
Tell the story
Write a story about your suit of armour.

Who does the armour belong to?

What is their job?

What do they do when they wear the armour?

Keep in touch
We would love to see your armour designs.
Please email them to educate.leeds@armouries.org.uk