

# Squire Practice

## Meet Sir George our brave knight in shining armour.

Sir George likes to wear his suit of armour, he thinks he looks really good in it!

He lives in a big castle and spends his time fighting in battles, hunting dragons and riding his horse.

But Sir George has had a bit of a problem.

A big bad dragon has scared Sir George's squires away. Can you help by becoming Sir George's new squire?

It's a tough job, but if you think you have what it takes read on to find out what it is like to be a squire and how you can help Sir George.

## Additional resources

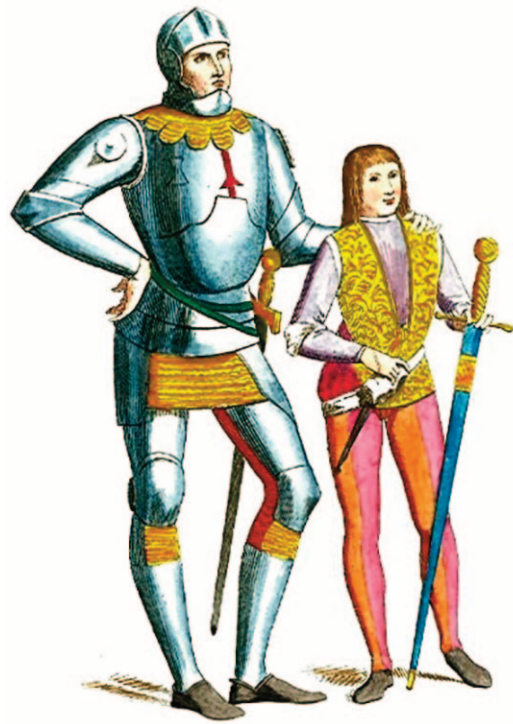
Watch a video all about training to be a squire on our [YouTube channel](#).



# Fascinating Facts

## What is a squire?

A squire is someone who is training to become a knight. They need to learn how to use a sword and how to ride a horse. Being a squire is tough work though, and sometimes you have to help the knights by doing some jobs for them.



## Spring cleaning!



**A squire would have to clean lots of armour for their knight.**

This is how to do it.

- 1 Put the armour in a waxed bag. This stops the bag from getting wet.
- 2 Pour in some sand
- 3 Wee in the bag
- 4 Give it a good mix and shake the bag around until the armour is squeaky clean!

Squires would even have to clean pieces of armour that covered the knight's bottom. This piece of armour is called a 'culet' How cheeky!

## Hold your nose, it could get smelly!

One of the squire's most important jobs was to look after their knight's horse. This meant you would need to feed it, groom it and sweep up all of its poo. **Ewwwww!**

# Activities page

## Practice being posh

When you are a knight's squire you go with him to fancy events and meet lots of posh people, so you need to know how to behave properly and be posh too. Why not have a go at being posh? **Follow the instructions below!**

Sit up straight

Puff out your chest

Stick your nose in the air

Do a fancy wave

Say "How do you do" in your poshest voice

Stand up tall

Walk slowly around the room

Keep your nose in the air at all times

Bow or curtsy to your family

**How did you do?**

**Can you teach your family to be posh too?**

## Draw!

Draw a picture of yourself as a squire, doing a job to help Sir George.

## Write!

Write about being a squire.

Make up a name? Which job you are doing for Sir George?

Do you like this job or not?

**My name is**

**I am helping Sir George by**

**I think this job is**

## Keep in touch

We would love to see your drawing and to find out how you helped Sir George. Please email them to [educate.leeds@armouries.org.uk](mailto:educate.leeds@armouries.org.uk)