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Heroes Legends

JOAN OF ARC

Young woman who led the French to victory against the English at Orleans during the Hundred Years' War
Joan of Arc’s banner

In lots of paintings of Joan of Arc, she is often shown holding a flag or banner. In fact, she was even questioned about it when she was put on trial by the English.

From her answers about it, we know that her banners were decorated with lots of symbols including the fleur de lis and symbols of Joan’s Christian faith.

Have a go at designing your own banner. What will you decorate it with? Can you think of a design to represent you?

Make a fabric banner

You could even have a go at designing your banner on big paper or card. Or you could find some fabric that you like. Then try attaching it to a pole of some kind, like a broom handle, or rolling pin and voila, you have your banner. Our Education Assistant Abi, used a bright scarf and a wrapping paper tube. She attached them by tying wool around them!
Find the words listed below – they might be horizontal, vertical or even diagonal. Good luck!

KING
DAUPHIN
SEIGE
PEASANT
PARIS
ENGLAND
BATTLE
VISION
JOAN
FRANCE
BANNER
WAR
SWORD
CORONATION
ARMOUR
How would you have fared in a siege?

Answer the questions and find out which weapons will help you defeat your enemy in a siege.

Are you defending?

No

Do you have enough food and resources stockpiled?

Yes

Secure your supply lines
Make sure you have enough food, weapons and troops to last you the whole siege.

No

Do the enemy have enough food and resources stockpiled?

Yes

Stockpile resources
Gather and food, weapons inside the walls to last you the whole siege.

No

Are you close to the enemy walls?

Yes

Pour boiling oil over the walls straight onto your enemies’ heads! That’s got to hurt!

No

Can you afford a long siege?

Yes

Use your archers! You have the advantage of being up high, so let your archers pick off the enemy, using gravity to help.

No

Use a battering ram, a big heavy piece of wood to break down the doors or gate.

Yes

Send some troops out to burn the nearby crops. By doing this you are ruining the enemies’ food supply.

No

Use a trebuchet to hurl dead, diseased animals over the walls. This might spread disease to your enemies

Yes

Use a siege tower to get your troops up to the top of the wall.

No

Use a trebuchet to hurl large rocks and boulders at and over the walls!
Get creative

Colour in this drawing of Joan of Arc

Did you know...

...that although she is often remembered as a warrior woman, Joan of Arc probably never actually fought during a battle. She was more of a patriotic mascot to encourage the troops.

Did you know...

...that Joan was wounded at least twice, even though she probably did not fight. She took an arrow to the shoulder during her Orleans campaign and a crossbow bolt to the thigh at a battle for Paris.

Did you know...

...Joan was a woman with one very serious moral compass. Although only a teen, she would happily tell grown men off for swearing or bad behaviour. She even slapped one soldier for stealing.