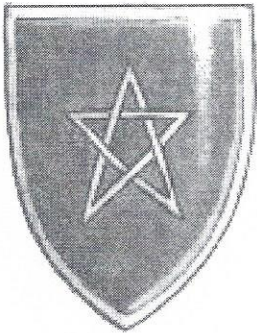


Pentagram/Pentangle Assignment:

- A pentangle (known more commonly as a pentagram) is the shape of a five-pointed star drawn with five straight strokes.
- This means that the pentangle is infinity. It is also called the “endless knot.”
- The figure of the five-point star must always stay upright, with the topmost triangle pointing to heaven.
- The five points are symbolic of the five wounds of Christ.
- If the figure is reversed, perversion and evil will result. It can be the symbol of black magic.

Gawain's Shield:



The world of **Sir Gawain** and the Green Knight is governed by well-defined codes of behavior. The ideals of Christian morality and knightly chivalry are brought together in **Gawain's** symbolic **shield**.

Outside of Shield: The **gold** pentangle, represents divinity or blessedness and the **red** background represents the blood of redemption and blood of martyrs. The pentangle represents the **five virtues of knights**: friendship, generosity, chastity, courtesy, and piety.

Inside of Shield: Mary, Christ's mother, is “painted inside his shield [so that Gawain can] stare at Heaven's Queen and keep his courage high.”

Your Challenge: Create your own Pentangle

Step 1: Draw a Pentangle.

Step 2: Label each point of the pentangle with a personal virtue (a good and useful quality, usually associated with high moral value)

The following is a website, Virtues for Life, that lists many virtues: <https://www.virtuesforlife.com/virtues-list/>

Step 3: Create a design for the front of your shield. Your design should have personal significance to you.

Step 4: Under each virtue write a personal statement of how you will live up to each virtue or write an example of how you already exemplify this virtue. Use complete sentence(s).

Step 5: Under your design briefly explain the significance of your shield design. Use complete sentence(s).

Step 6: Make it your own. Decorate, color and make it attractive. This will be used in your Senior Scrapbook later in the year.

Grading Criteria:

5 Virtues and Quality of personal explanations:	15 pts.
Shield and explanation of significance:	15 pts.
Spelling, grammar, punctuation:	5 pts.
Neatness, attractiveness	15 pts.