

The Cask of Amontillado

Performance Assessment: Design a Coat of Arms

Background

The Montresor family motto means “Nobody provokes me with impunity,” and the family coat of arms depicts a human foot crushing a serpent. In this story, Montresor’s actions literally convey the symbolism of his family motto and coat of arms.

Task

Design a coat of arms and a family motto for Fortunato. Your work should reflect what you know about the character and his past. Include a brief written explanation of your work.

Audience

Your audience is the entire Fortunato family—past and present. You must be able to explain the significance of the motto and coat of arms to the family members.

Purpose

To analyze the character of Fortunato by creating a coat of arms and a motto that accurately portray his personality.

Procedure

1. Review the description of the Montresor family coat of arms and think about how it reflects the meaning of the family’s motto.
2. Review the story for hints about Fortunato’s character and how he wronged Montresor.
3. Design a coat of arms and a motto for Fortunato. Use colored pencils, markers, stencils, a computer graphics program, or other materials. **Explain the coat of arms and the motto in a paragraph supported with concrete details and commentary.**
4. Before completing your work, consider these questions: Do the coat of arms and the motto reflect what you know about Fortunato? Did you consider what motivated Fortunato? Would your work and the written explanation likely satisfy the Fortunato family of past and present?
5. Complete your work by making an attractive presentation of the coat of arms, motto, and paragraph on construction paper or poster board.

- 1 Needs improvement
- 2 Acceptable
- 3 Competent
- 4 Exemplary
- NA: Non applicable

Evaluation Criteria

The student's work:

- reflects an understanding of the literature selection 1 2 3 4 NA
- meets the requirements of the assessment task 1 2 3 4 NA
- demonstrates creativity and originality 1 2 3 4 NA
- shows ability to visualize an object, person, or scene 1 2 3 4 NA
- includes key features of the intended art form 1 2 3 4 NA
 (coat of arms shield with at least 3 appropriate symbols)
- integrates figures, pictures, and words effectively 1 2 3 4 NA
- uses correct spelling, grammar, usage, and mechanics 1 2 3 4 NA

****PARAGRAPH ADEQUATELY EXPLAINS THE SYMBOLISM OF THE COAT OF ARMS**

Overall Score:

Notes and Comments