

Worksheet for Filiz Çakır Phillip's
“The History of the Blazon in the Mamluk Period”
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(to be used with [video linked here](#))



Key Takeaways:

1. Define the term “blazon.”
2. Describe the hierarchy of the Mamluk Dynasty.
3. What is the etymology of the term “blazon”?
4. What is a composite blazon? What is an epigraphic blazon?



5. What are the three types of Mamluk emblems? Describe what types of emblems fall under each category and who they typically represented.

6. What led to the decline of blazons? In what way did blazons continue to be present?

Contextualizing the Work

Think of another instance of an emblem serving as a symbol of a person, group/community, or organization. The example can be from class or from your personal experience. How does this emblem function in similar or different ways to that of the blazons discussed in this talk?