

Swords of Arthurian Times

Take a look at some swords that could be found during the time of Arthur and the wars between the Celtic Britons and the Germanic Angles and Saxons.

Circle the sword you like most!



This is a Celtic sword made from bronze. It was made around 500 years before Arthur would have lived. These were no longer being made by the time of King Arthur, but could have been found in lakes! Notice how the sword is green – that’s because the bronze oxidized to that color. The whole sword is also there because bronze doesn’t rust away like



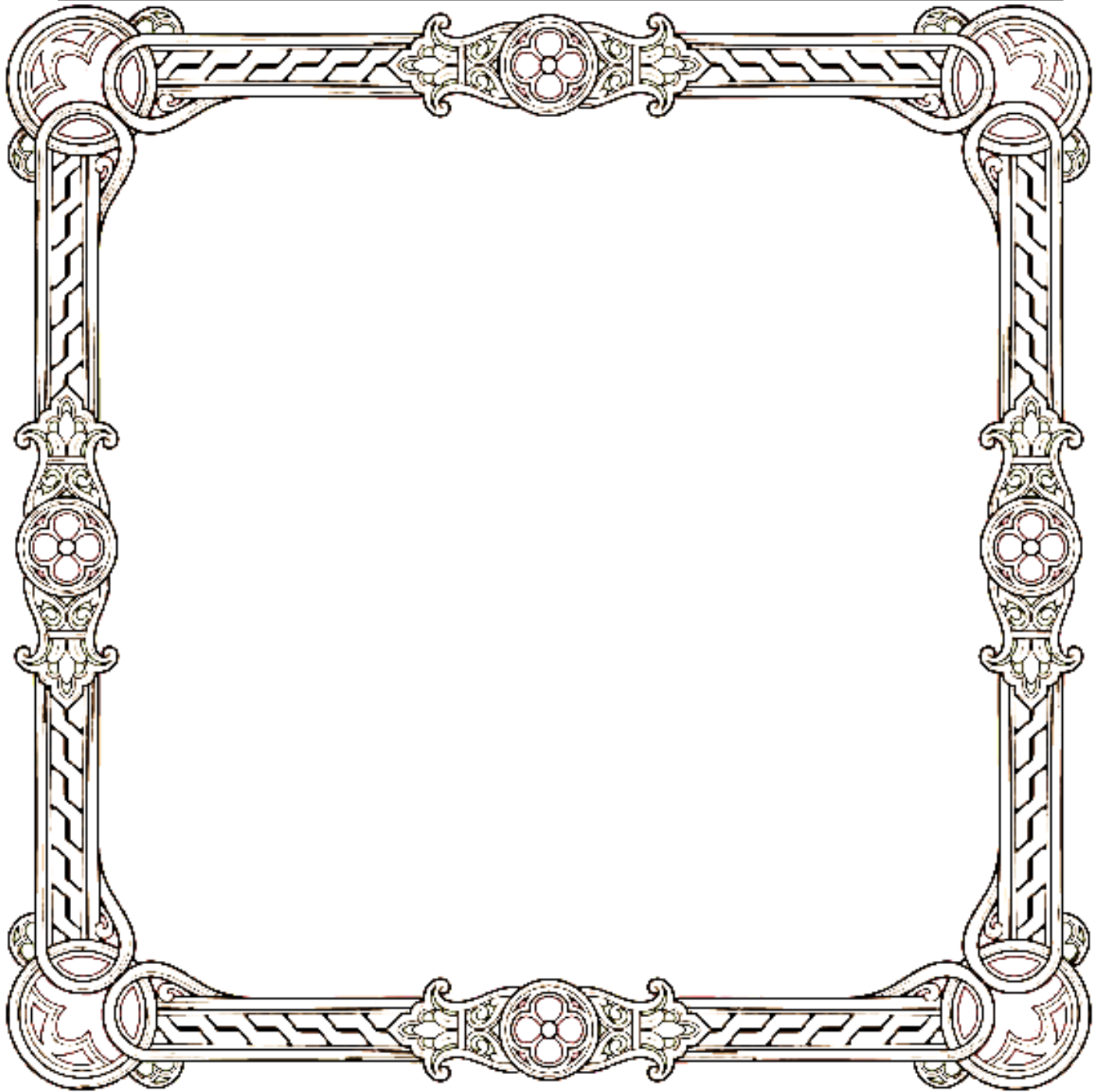
These are both steel spatha-type sword made in the 500s. They have hilts decorated with gems. The top sword has a quartz pommel and garnets on the cross guard. Notice how the handle is very skinny – that’s because the handle wood rotted away. The second sword has amethysts on its cross guard and pommel, and gold wrapped around the handle.



This sword was found in a ship burial in a place called Sutton Hoo in England. It’s an Anglo-Saxon sword from the 500s or 600s, the sort Beowulf might have used. It still has parts of its wooden scabbard on the blade. Above, you can see a modern replica of it.

Design Your Own Excalibur!

We're not sure if King Arthur existed, or if he was a king, or if he had a sword named Excalibur. But, if he existed, he likely had a sword! If you had a sword, what would it look like, what would you name it, and would it have magical powers?



Sword Name: _____

Magic Power: _____