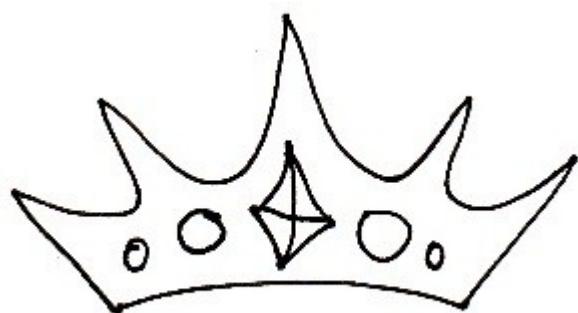


Learning the Tarot Court Cards



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Webinar Notes

Here is a summary of the material that was covered in the webinar

1) Why are the Court Cards so tricky to learn?

- they all look the same (hard to remember)
- there are many different ways to see them (there isn't always an obvious energy or meaning)
- we don't connect to them like we do the Majors & Minors (they can feel blank and impersonal)

Some beliefs about Court Cards that you can scrap!...

- that they represent a person in the querent's life
- they represent people of particular age groups (for example, a page must represent a young boy of 12-18)

I prefer to scrap these beliefs when reading the court cards!

Thinking of them in this way will limit you. These are shallow ways of seeing the courts.

We all have a masculine and feminine side regardless of our gender and we all have a young, inexperienced side and a mature, wise side, regardless of our age.

When it comes to seeing the court cards as other people in our lives – other people are just **mirrors** for traits within ourselves, so I feel that it's simpler to see the courts as representing an aspect of the self rather than another person.

2) Understanding the Court Cards (through the Four Suits)

*The Court Cards are the human representation of each suit. Young/old, male/female.

In order to understand the Courts, we need to fully understand the four suits of the Minor Arcana.

The Tarot has 5 suits – majors, pentacles, swords, cups and wands

The Majors represent the spiritual journey of man, the Minors represent the aspects of daily life.

Pentacles (earth) – physical, food, body, sex, home, material goods, money

Swords (air) – mind, thoughts, state of mind, rational mind, intellect, communication

Cups (water) – emotions, feelings, relationships, love

Wands (fire) – passion, energy, action, drive, creativity, career/life's work

*So each suit has four human representatives of different age and gender – King, Queen, Knight and Page. These Court Cards express each suit via a personality.

Example: In the Suit of Pentacles...

King = mature, masculine aspect

Queen = mature, feminine aspect

Knight = youngish (30's), masculine, active

Page = young, feminine (or masc), learning

We all have the four courts inside of us and we all experience the four suits in our lives on a day to day basis. So, we all have an inner Queen, King, Knight and Page – there are times we feel confident and powerful and wise and times we feel inexperienced or adventurous.

3) What the Court Cards represent in a reading

Do they represent the querent? A person in the querent's life? An energy? A personality trait the querent should express? Or repress? A messenger?

**They can be any and all of those things!*

But how do you know which one?

All of these are correct ways to read the Court Cards – how you choose to read it will depend on the position in a spread, surrounding cards, the question, etc.

But here's the thing – you can't really go wrong! The different ways of seeing a court card don't really contradict each other, so you can choose one way to read it or read it from all different angles.

Some things to keep in mind...

- The court cards aren't really predictive – they give you a peek at the bigger picture, they are like one more puzzle piece to give you a deeper understanding of things

- Mostly, the court cards represent the querent: where they are on their path or with a particular issue and what they need to do to succeed and be happy

There are many ways to read a court card and all of them would be right, but each one gives a different perspective.

Example:

You are asking your cards about my finances and how you can make more money and you get the Knight of Cups:

1) A representation of yourself and where you're at in relation to money – You're

motivated by feelings, relationships and adventure, not really by “success” or money

2) A personality trait to express – follow what inspires you and don't get overly concerned with how much money it will make you, go where your feelings lead you

3) A personality trait to be aware of – don't get lost in romantic notions or just keep chasing the next adventure - balance it out with grounded, rational planning

4) A messenger – follow your dreams! Let your feelings guide you! You are naturally creative and love adventure and new surroundings. A change of scenery will boost your creativity and give you a new perspective.

4) Using the symbols on the cards

For this exercise, we are going to group the courts together according to rank (so all the pages together, all the Queens together, etc)

Now, let's look at all the Pages. Remember, the Pages represent the young, youthful energy of each suit. They represent discovery, learning and inexperience.

Make it personal: each court card represents an aspect of you. Look at the Pages and see them as your inexperienced, youthful aspect, as expressed through the four suits. It might help for you to remember when you were young and how you interacted with each area of life.

Page of Pentacles – how you experienced the world of physical things, your body (student gathering knowledge of the material world)

*choose a symbol on the card that represents this (I see the Page holding up the pentacle almost like he is revering it, studying it, observing it)

Page of Swords – how you experienced the world of mind, thoughts and communication. (I see him on shaky ground, with wind blowing things about. Feeling confused, not centered, pulled about)

Page of Cups – how you experienced the world of emotion and relationships. (He is observing the fish with surprise, interest, curiosity, fascination – totally oblivious to surroundings)

Page of Wands – how you experienced the world of passion, creativity, drive and power (excited, raring to go, enthusiastic, idealized)

*I encourage you to do this exercise with the other 3 groups – kings, queens and knights

Now, let's look at the King and Queen of Wands.

We all have a feminine and masculine side to us.

Queen of Wands – this is the side of you that is mature, feminine and powerful, confident in your desires, proud of your creations, assertive, sexy and warm. Where and when in your life have you felt this way?

-choose a symbol on the card that represents this for you (for me it's the black cat)

King of Wands – this is the part of you that is mature, masculine and powerful - driven, charged up, focused, a leader, totally at ease with being in control. When have you felt this way?

-choose a symbol that represents this to you (for me it's the lion on the throne)

*You can do this with each court card and it will help you establish a strong connection to them so that when they come up in a reading you will recognize them like an old friend.

5) Getting a sense of personality

For this next exercise, I am going to group the courts together according to suit.

Let's look at the four Courts for the Suit of Swords.

Think of these four Courts as a family – everyone in this family puts a lot of importance on intellect and rational thinking.

- How would the Queen of Swords behave differently from the Page of Swords?
- How would this family interact with each other?
- What kind of parents would the King and Queen be?
- How would the Knight of Swords act in a disagreement with the Queen?
- How might each character respond differently to a challenge?

*Doing this gives you a strong sense of each Court Cards personality and helps you see each Court as an individual character. When you really know the court cards, it's much easier to communicate with them when they pop up in your readings!

6) Techniques for Reading the Courts

Messengers/Advice Givers

Court Cards as messengers – it is often said that court cards act as messengers and really, all of the cards do, but because the court cards are people, it's easier to see them this way.

A fun way to read a court card is to see them as characters that are stepping into your play (the reading) to deliver some advice.

The advice usually sounds like this: “I'm the Knight of Pentacles and I'm here to tell you to slow down! Don't rush into anything.” OR “I'm the Queen of Cups and I'm here to tell you to listen more closely to your intuition.”

The courts will usually tell us to embody their personality traits or to watch out for those personality traits. So their advice might be positive (*do this!*) or more of a warning (*watch out for this*)

Exercise: What advice does the Knight of Swords give (in a general sense)?

My interpretation: *go for it! Be ruthless! Move quickly, don't give up*

or

Don't tire yourself out, don't be too aggressive

Reading for specific issues

Often, when a court card comes up in a reading, you may know what the court card means, but it can be tricky to know what it means in the context of the reading/specific question being asked.

For this, I find *dialoguing* to be a helpful technique.

Dialoguing:

- you can have a conversation with a Court Card when one pops up in a reading.

For example, if the Knight of Swords came up in your reading about romance, you might ask “what do you have to tell me about *love and relationships*?”

In a reading about a budding relationship, what might the Knight of Swords mean? What advice does he give? Warnings?

My interpretation: *watch your intensity, go for it, but don't be too pushy or aggressive*

What does the Queen of Cups have to tell you about a new relationship?

Don't be afraid of your emotions, it's powerful to tap into your feelings

OR

This relationship can be healing for you and your partner

OR

Be gentle, kind and use your intuition when interacting with your partner

Other tips for reading a court card in a specific situation...

When a court card comes up, ask *what suit is it from?* This can give you an idea of what life area or energy it pertains to.

Then, ask *what court card is it?* Is it a Queen, King, Page or Knight?

For example, if the Queen of Swords appears in the “subconscious blocks” position in a reading, think about what the Suit of Swords represents (mind, intellect, communication), now, what does the Queen represent? (confident, experienced, feminine). And since this card is seen as a “block” then it could be warning you of your tendency to be overly analytical and rational and taking things way too seriously.

Now, if this Queen showed up in the “near future” position, it could indicate that things are moving in a more serious direction and that looking at things with a rational, clear mind will be helpful for you, as well as the need to communicate your needs directly and clearly. Court Cards as messengers – it is often said that court cards act as messengers and really, all of the cards do, but

because the court cards are people, it's easier to see them this way.

Summary

The Court Cards are most often an aspect of the self that needs to be expressed more or less (depending on the situation, card position and question)

They can also be seen as characters that come to advise us in a reading by telling us to be more like them (or less like them) in a particular situation.

There is never just one way to see a court card but don't let this confuse you – choose your favorite way to read the Court Cards and just do that. If that method of interpretation doesn't always feel right to you, experiment with the others.

Do the exercises in the PDF to get a deeper understanding and connection with the Courts, so that when they come up in a reading you will be totally familiar with them.

Remember, a Court Card is only a human representation of it's particular suit. So think about what suit it represents and what that suit is all about.

Court Card Meanings



The 4 Minor Arcana Suits

Pentacles (earth) physical, food, body, sex, home, material goods, money having	Swords (air) mind, thoughts, state of mind, intellect, communication thinking
Cups (water) emotions, feelings, intuition, relationships feeling	Wands (fire) passion, energy, action, drive, creativity, career/life's work doing

The 4 Court Cards

King masculine, powerful, mature	Queen feminine, confident, wise
Knight masculine, active, adventurous	Page feminine or masculine, young, learning, inexperienced

Suit of Pentacles



King

Confident and accomplished when it comes to business matters and making money and enjoys the good life such as good food, sex, wine and lounging about! Hardworking by day and loves to indulge the senses by night.

Keywords: material success, rich, hedonistic at times, business minded, CEO-type leader, self employed

Philosophy: It's important to be comfortable and acquire many things.

Queen

Down to earth and comfortable in her own skin, this Queen is a very authentic lady. She knows who she is and doesn't try to impress or put on airs. She feels connected to her own body and to the Earth and is good at teaching others. Patient, calm and grounded, she makes an excellent parent, gardner and business owner.

Keywords: nurturing, patient, grounded, confident, authentic, down to earth, teacher

Philosophy: Be patient and nurturing and enjoy the physical delights that life has to offer!

Knight

Careful and thoughtful, this Knight loves to take his time with things and holds safety and certainty above all else. Not one to take risks or charge toward something full tilt, he is the least adventurous and daring of all the Knights and he has a tendency to get stuck in a rut.

Keywords: slow, deliberate, stagnant, cautious, safe

Philosophy: Think things through and gather more information. No need to act on a whim here.

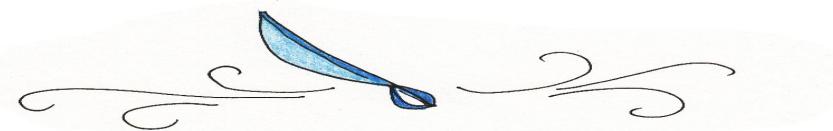
Page

Studious and eager to learn, this Page loves to read and study. He is like a little sponge, just soaking up information. Perhaps a bit of a geek, he has a voracious appetite for knowledge and understanding, even if he is a bit naive at times.

Keywords: student, learning, research, enthusiastically discovering things

Philosophy: The more I learn, the better I get.

Suit of Swords



King

Ultra serious and prone to moodiness, this natural born leader can sometimes turn into a grouchy dictator and hurt people's feelings without realizing it (or caring). He's super smart and well spoken and he's your go-to guy in a crisis. But let's be honest....he's not a barrel of laughs.

Keywords: gifted speaker, very smart, serious, moody, bossy, overpowering

Philosophy: This is no laughing matter! Life is serious business.

Queen

She is highly intelligent, confident and sports a sharp tongue. A master communicator, she doesn't waste time with pleasantries and dithering about. She gets the job done! She can seem a bit joyless at times, or even cold, but she has a good heart.

Keywords: strong intellect, witty, blunt, clear communicator, focused

Philosophy: Let's cut the bullshit and get to the point.

Knight

This Knight is *intense*! Focused to the point of one-track-mindedness, this guy won't let up until he's reached his destination or achieved his goal. He's only happy if he's on the move and after something – for him, it's not so much about the prize but the thrill of the chase. But this kind of intensity doesn't last long, so he is prone to burn out.

Keywords: intense, driven, go-getter, focused, tenacity

Philosophy: focus, focus, focus, go, go, go!

Page

This page is trying to find his footing amidst the mental turmoil of everyday life. He's a bit unstable and is easily blown about by outside events. Everything is just *soooooo intense*! His thoughts are in one place, his actions in another – he is learning about integrity and stability and is far from mastering them. He isn't really sure what direction to go in, what to think or who to trust. Prone to tantrums, freak outs and sulking, he's the original emo.

Keywords: unstable, unsure, mental turmoil, the need to center oneself, emo

Philosophy: Everyone sucks. I hate my family. I feel so alone. What is the meaning of all this?????

Suit of Cups



King

This King feels deeply and is very intuitive – this is what sets him apart from the other Kings. He sometimes struggles to balance out the job of being a ruler with his overpowering emotions. If he gets unbalanced, he may be inclined to drink to excess to block his feelings, but otherwise he is an exceptionally perceptive, kind, caring and devoted leader. He truly cares about how others feel and will put an effort into creating a warm, fuzzy atmosphere. He makes a good healer/doctor.

Keywords: masculine intuition, feeling, caring for others, strong yet sensitive

Philosophy: It's important that everyone feel valued and special. I know that my intuition is my most trustworthy advisor.

Queen

Highly intuitive, sensitive to other's emotions and incredibly comforting and nurturing, this Queen is an exceptional healer and counsellor. You want to trust her deeply and she seems to just know how you're feeling and what you need. She knows how to use her emotions for healing purposes and how to use them to create a beautiful reality.

Keywords: intuitive, empathic, healing, good listener, nurturing

Philosophy: Feelings and emotions are where the power is!

Knight

The most romantic of all the Knights, this guy will follow his heart to the ends of the Earth and back again. He loves to express himself through song, poetry, and art and is inspired by a frequent change in scenery. He's adventurous, fun and talented but not very practical or clear headed. In fact, he can be a bit of a twit sometimes.

Keywords: romantic, carefree, adventurous, artistic, flighty

Philosophy: Go where you feel pulled to and do what lights you up and ignore everything else!

Page

This Page is easily inspired...and distracted! The world of feelings and relationships is all new to him/her and just waiting to be discovered. Bright, shiny object syndrome can be a problem at times, pulling this Page here and there, but who cares? He sees the world through fresh eyes and marvels at his discoveries and creations. You may find him painting, writing songs and making out on the beach.

Keywords: artistic, inspired, naive, excited about life, romantic, ADHD

Philosophy: There is so much to be discovered and experienced! I could never be bored. Whoa, look at that over there!...

Suit of Wands



King

This King is dynamic, powerful, creative and energetic. He is truly passionate about what he does and has a long record of success. He knows how to bring his visions to fruition and how to stay motivated. He has a lot of energy coursing through his veins and it's hard to stay still for long –

he's often changing lovers, homes and work projects, but despite all of that he is pretty reliable and steady. He's an entrepreneur at heart and loves to take action on ideas.

Keywords: action oriented, charged up, motivated, consistently energetic, focused energy

Philosophy: If you're passionate about something, do it and follow through with it. If you don't direct your energy somewhere, you'll combust!

Queen

Passionate, confident and a force to be reckoned with, this Queen has an amazing power to create what she wants. She is a visionary and she knows how to channel her energy and enthusiasm. She is an enigmatic leader and those who love her follow her almost mindlessly, such is her power of attraction. She is brilliant in the world of business and entrepreneurship and she inspires those around her to such a degree that they practically worship her!

Keywords: Confident, creative, focused action, enigmatic, powerfully attractive, driven by passion

Philosophy: You can do anything if you really want to – just harness the power of your passion and follow your vision.

Knight

This Knight loves adventure and life! He believes in following his passion, going after his goals with fiery enthusiasm and doing what lights him up. Sometimes it may seem like he's always chasing after things – stillness is not yet something he's comfy with. He loves to explore and experience and do – he will create an amazing life for himself in terms of career, money and life experience, but he struggles when it comes to relationships. Why? Because relationships are about *being*, not *doing* and that is a challenge for him.

Keywords: action, passionate, exciting, adventurous, goal-oriented, a bit reckless

Philosophy: Life is short, so have as many adventures as you can and follow your passion!

Page

The Page of Wands is a student in the art of directing one's will and passion to create things. He doesn't yet know how to make buckets of money, how to explore the world fearlessly or how to succeed with abandon, but he's learning. He loves self help books, particularly those about business and travel. He idolizes successful people and goes to conferences and workshops to get inspired. His only flaw is that he is a bit naive and has yet to experience the dark night of the soul. Bright eyed and bushy tailed, he is oblivious to other's warnings and negativity. Which is good, but sometimes disastrous!

Keywords: youthful enthusiasm, excited about having a career, student of self-improvement, motivated, optimistic

Philosophy: If you think positively and learn the tools you need to succeed, anything is possible!

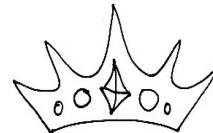
Tarot Court Cards Cheatsheet

Advice from the Court Cards

<p><u>King of Wands</u></p> <p>It's time to step into your role as a powerful player in your own life</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Beware of making decisions that make it hard for you to live a free, adventurous life</p>	<p><u>Queen of Wands</u></p> <p>Create what you want with passion and purpose</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't worry about being a bitch – assertiveness isn't bitchy</p>	<p><u>Knight of Wands</u></p> <p>Take an adventurous approach and take action on what you want to do</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't run away from your problems – deal with them</p>	<p><u>Page of Wands</u></p> <p>Seek a mentor who will inspire and guide you</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Action without direction or purpose is useless</p>
<p><u>King of Cups</u></p> <p>Be sensitive as you make big decisions and lead others</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't repress your emotions. Feelings are a strength, not a weakness`</p>	<p><u>Queen of Cups</u></p> <p>Listen to your intuition and feelings</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't turn into a weepy, sappy mess</p>	<p><u>Knight of Cups</u></p> <p>Follow your heart!</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Beware of being too romantic and idealistic</p>	<p><u>Page of Cups</u></p> <p>Get inspired! Take an art or writing class.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't let your feelings overwhelm you</p>
<p><u>King of Swords</u></p> <p>Use your intellect and rational mind in this situation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't be so serious all the time. Lighten up!</p>	<p><u>Queen of Swords</u></p> <p>Cut through the B.S. And get to the nitty gritty of things.</p> <p>Communicate clearly.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Watch out for being overly cold and judgy</p>	<p><u>Knight of Swords</u></p> <p>You need to focus and really go for it!</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't be so intense! You're trying too hard.</p>	<p><u>Page of Swords</u></p> <p>Focus on calming your mind.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You're not in the right frame of mind – so don't make any big decisions now.</p>
<p><u>King of Pentacles</u></p> <p>It's time for you to harness your leadership and money making talents!</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Beware of putting too much importance on material wealth or material objects</p>	<p><u>Queen of Pentacles</u></p> <p>Nurture that which is important to you and enjoy your physical body and senses</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't become a caretaker, trying to take care of everyone around you</p>	<p><u>Knight of Pentacles</u></p> <p>Slow down, take your time planning things out</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't let things stagnate and stay stuck because you're afraid to take risks</p>	<p><u>Page of Pentacles</u></p> <p>Study and learn more about your chosen subject</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Don't just keep your head stuck in a book. Look around once in a while!</p>

Court Card Study Sheet

Fill in this sheet for each Court Card. Then, when one comes up in a reading you will have a handy-dandy reference sheet!



Court Card: _____

Suit qualities: _____

Rank qualities (ex: Queen = mature, confident, feminine):

Positive traits (aspects for you to develop and express):

Negative traits (aspects to watch out for):

In what ways are YOU like this character? How often do you express this part of yourself?

What message does this card have for you (or what advice does it give)?

Get to Know Your Court Cards!

Draw a Court Card and think of it as a person – with hopes, dreams, fears and weird quirks. This will help you truly connect with each card and have lots of fun in the process.

Tarot Court Card: _____

Personality keywords:

Favorite hobbies:

Best asset: _____

Worst character flaw: _____

Possible careers:

Blocks/challenges:

Goals & dreams:

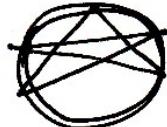
Biggest fear: _____

Different Ways to Study the Courts

Group Court Cards by Suit

You are going to make 4 groups, with all the Pentacle courts together, all the Sword courts together, etc...and spend some time studying each group.

Pentacle Court Card Family



1. What are the similarities between these four? (look at landscape, color, symbols)

2. What are the big differences? (notice posture, direction they're facing, expression, action)

3. The suit of Pentacles is all about earthiness, physical things, health, food, sex and money. How would each Court Card express this energy differently?

King:

Queen:

Knight:

Page:

4. Think of these 4 as a family – a mom, dad and two children. Let's think about how they'd act with each other...

a) What would they fight about?

b) How would they bond with each other?

c) What kinds of things would be important to this family?

d) What kind of parents would the King and Queen be?

e) What kind of kids would the Page and Knight be?

Sword Court Card Family



1. What are the similarities between these four? (look at landscape, color, symbols)

2. What are the big differences? (notice posture, direction they're facing, expression, action)

3. The suit of Pentacles is all about earthiness, physical things, health, food, sex and money. How would each Court Card express this energy differently?

King:

Queen:

Knight:

Page:

4. Think of these 4 as a family – a mom, dad and two children. Let's think about how they'd act with each other...

a) What would they fight about?

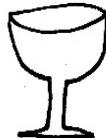
b) How would they bond with each other?

c) What kinds of things would be important to this family?

d) What kind of parents would the King and Queen be?

e) What kind of kids would the Page and Knight be?

Cup Court Card Family



1. What are the similarities between these four? (look at landscape, color, symbols)

2. What are the big differences? (notice posture, direction they're facing, expression, action)

3. The suit of Pentacles is all about earthiness, physical things, health, food, sex and money. How would each Court Card express this energy differently?

King:

Queen:

Knight:

Page:

4. Think of these 4 as a family – a mom, dad and two children. Let's think about how they'd act with each other...

a) What would they fight about?

b) How would they bond with each other?

c) What kinds of things would be important to this family?

d) What kind of parents would the King and Queen be?

e) What kind of kids would the Page and Knight be?

Wand Court Card Family



1. What are the similarities between these four? (look at landscape, color, symbols)

2. What are the big differences? (notice posture, direction they're facing, expression, action)

3. The suit of Pentacles is all about earthiness, physical things, health, food, sex and money. How would each Court Card express this energy differently?

King:

Queen:

Knight:

Page:

4. Think of these 4 as a family – a mom, dad and two children. Let's think about how they'd act with each other...

a) What would they fight about?

b) How would they bond with each other?

c) What kinds of things would be important to this family?

d) What kind of parents would the King and Queen be?

e) What kind of kids would the Page and Knight be?

Group Court Cards by Rank

You're going to make 4 groups again, but this time group all the Pages together, all the Knights together, all the Queens, etc...

Pages



1. How are these Pages similar? (look at posture, expression, consider age and attitude)

2. How are these Pages different from each other? (notice general energy of the card, body language, colors, background images)

3. The Pages are all about learning and the naiveness and excitement of youth. How would each Page express this energy through his unique suit?

Page of Pentacles (Earth/body/money):

example: he would study things and love learning about making money, health and sex

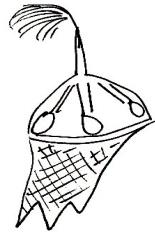
Page of Swords (Mind/thoughts/intellect):

Page of Cups (feeling, emotion, relationships):

Page of Wands (action/passion/creativity):

4. How would these Pages get along with each other? Who would be best friends? Who would argue and fight all the time?

Knights



1. How are the Knights similar? (look at posture, expression, action and attitude)

2. How are these Knights different from each other? (notice general energy of the card, body language, action, movement, colors, background images)

3. The Knights are all about action, adventure and moving forward. How would each Knight express this energy through his unique suit?

Knight of Pentacles (Earth/body/money):

Knight of Swords (Mind/thoughts/intellect):

example: he would rush forward as soon as he had an idea, he would let his mind guide him

Knight of Cups (feeling, emotion, relationships):

Knight of Wands (action/passion/creativity):

4. In a race, who would win? Who would be left in the dust?



1. How are the Queens similar? (look at posture, expression, age and attitude)

2. How are the Queens different from each other? (notice general energy of the card, body language, colors, background images, personality)

3. The Queens are all about mature, feminine qualities such as nurturing, confidence and teaching/guiding. How would each Queen express this energy through her unique suit?

Queen of Pentacles (Earth/body/money):

Queen of Swords (Mind/thoughts/intellect):

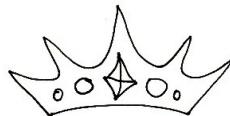
Queen of Cups (intuition, emotion, relationships):

example: this Queen would be confident in her intuition and be very emotionally nurturing in relationships

Queen of Wands (action/passion/creativity):

4. At a tea party, who would bond instantly? Who would not see eye-to-eye?

Kings



1. How are the Kings similar? (look at posture, expression, age and attitude)

2. How are the Kings different from each other? (notice general energy of the card, body language, colors, background images, personality)

3. The Kings are all about mature, masculine qualities such as power, confidence and leadership. How would each King express this energy through his unique suit?

King of Pentacles (Earth/body/money):

example: he would be a stable, grounded business leader (CEO?) who rewards his employees with money and gifts

King of Swords (Mind/thoughts/intellect):

King of Cups (intuition, emotion, relationships):

King of Wands (action/passion/creativity):

4. In a meeting, who would get along best? Who would not see eye-to-eye?

Quiz: Which Court Card Am I?

Read each statement carefully and then decide which Court Card said it
(answers are on the next page)

1. I want to learn all about car mechanics! _____
2. When making important decisions, always use your head and don't let your feelings (or genitals) get in the way _____
3. I'm going to tell you what I think and I'm not going to sugar coat it

4. I'm travelling to Hawaii because I just met someone on the internet who might be The One. _____
5. If you like someone, call them and ask them out. If they say no, keep calling them. Then send them flowers, then drive by their house multiple times a day. Eventually they will agree to go out with you. _____
6. I buy my spouse expensive jewellery to show my love. _____
7. I hate you, you ruined my life! Never leave me or I'll die. _____
8. Hmm....I need to sleep on it. I just don't know if it's worth the risk. Let me get back to you in a week. _____
9. I can't wait to take an art class on blending poetry with mixed media collage!

10. Let me teach you how to get in touch with your intuition, dear.

11. I love to create things that inspire people! _____
12. Success is not measured in dollars or fame, but in the quality of one's adventures and memorable experiences. _____
13. I've been out in the garden all day! _____

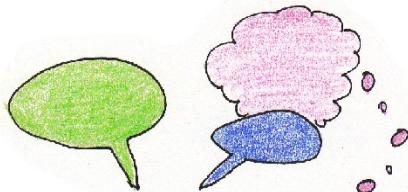
Answer Key

1. Page of Pentacles
2. King of Swords (or Queen of Swords)
3. Queen of Swords (or King of Swords)
4. Knight of Cups
5. Knight of Swords
6. King of Pentacles
7. Page of Swords
8. Knight of Pentacles
9. Page of Cups
10. Queen of Cups
11. King of Wands (or Queen of Wands)
12. Knight of Wands
13. Queen of Pentacles



Dialoguing: Chit Chatting with the Court Cards!

For this exercise, you are going to have a make-believe conversation with the court cards. This may sound crazy, but it works!



1. You are doing a “general” reading for yourself and you ask “what do I need to know right now?” and you get the **Queen of Swords**. Now, pretend you’re out having coffee with her in your favorite coffee place and ask her:

What is it that you’re trying to tell me?

What advice do you have for me?

2. You’re doing a reading for your best friend who wants to know why she can’t lose weight. You pull only one card and get the **Knight of Swords**. Pretend you’re interviewing him for job:

What is your biggest character flaw?

What stops you from succeeding?

3. You are doing a reading about your relationship and you ask “*What is going on in my relationship and how can I improve things?*” and you pull 7 cards, getting the **Page of Swords** in the position that represents what your partner is feeling. Have a conversation in your head with the Page of Swords as if he was your partner:

Tell me how your feeling...

What do you need from me right now?

4. Every morning you do a daily draw, drawing one card from your deck to represent the theme of the upcoming day. You get the King of Pentacles. Pretend he's right there sitting next to you on your couch, ready to talk your ear off!

What attitude will serve me best today?

What do I need to look out for?

5. You are using the Celtic Cross Spread in a reading for a total stranger who has just asked you “*how can I change my life for the better? I have lost my job, divorced and don't speak with my family.*” You get the **Knight of Cups** in the “what lies beneath: subconscious influences/desires” spot. Eeeeeee! The Knight of Cups has ridden into the reading to dish on all the juicy details about your client's subconscious mind!

What do you want to tell me?

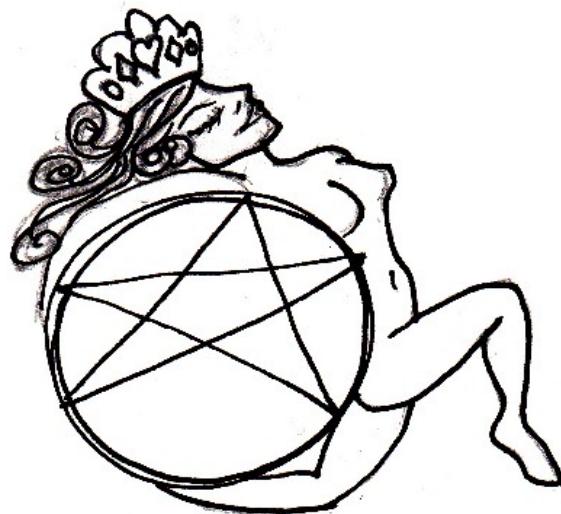
What do you truly want?

As you can see, you can word the questions you ask the Court Cards in a way that fits with the situation, such as the question asked or the card position in a spread. However, if that feels too complicated for you, there are standard questions that always work, such as:

Why are you here?

What do you have to tell me?

What advice do you have for me?



Reading Court Cards in Specific Situations

Since the meaning of a Court Card will change depending on the circumstances – question asked, position in the spread – it's important to practice reading the court cards in a variety of different ways. My own interpretations are on the next page – but don't look until after you've done this on your own!

1. You plan to quit your boring office job and become self-employed doing what you love! You ask your cards “how can I be successful?”

You get the Page of Pentacles. How would you interpret it?

But what if you got the Queen of Wands instead? What advice would she have for you?

And what if you had gotten the Knight of Pentacles?

2. You are doing a reading for a friend and you get the King of Swords.

How would you read this card if your friend was asking how to meet his soul mate?

How would you interpret it if your friend was wondering how he can improve his overall health and well-being?

How would you interpret the King of Swords if it had shown up in the “final outcome” position in the Celtic Cross Spread?

3. Your reading for yourself using the past/present/future spread.

How would you read the Queen of Cups in the “Past” position?

How would you read that same card in the “present” position?

And how would you read her if she appeared in the “future” position?

4. You draw one card for guidance and insight into your daily life. How would you interpret the Knight of Pentacles if.....

You were having a problem making a decision?

You long to quit your job, but aren't sure what to do instead?

You're having your mother in law come stay with you for a month (and you're totally dreading it!)

My Interpretations

These are my own interpretations. Keep in mind that there are many ways to read a card, so my way is not the only way – this is just to give you an example to refer to if you get stuck.

1. You plan to quit your boring office job and become self-employed doing what you love! You ask your cards “how can I be successful?”

You get the **Page of Pentacles**. How would you interpret it?

Do your homework! Study up on business and research case studies so you get an idea of what it takes to make it. Gather as much information as you need to feel confident.

But what if you got the **Queen of Wands** instead? What advice would she have for you?

Use your passion to inspire you and make sure you have a clear “vision and mission” that reflects what you are so passionate about. Focus on creating and nurturing your creative side – that is what will ensure your success. Perhaps find a mentor that has Queen of Wands traits.

And what if you had gotten the **Knight of Pentacles**?

It's important to be grounded and stable, so take your time making big decisions, but don't let fear of change and risk stop you from moving ahead. Being in business for yourself requires you to take risks to move forward, and that can make you feel uneasy. So make sure you have lots of support and guidance to help you along the way.

2. You are doing a reading for a friend and you get the King of Swords.

How would you read this card if your friend was asking how to meet his soul mate?

Don't take this so seriously! Lighten up! No one will be attracted to a stuffy, uptight worrier. You can't control when you will meet someone special, so just sit back and relax.

How would you interpret it if your friend was wondering how he can improve his overall health and well-being?

Have more fun, lighten up and laugh more. Do things that bring a sense of play back into your life. On the other hand, the King encourages you to take charge – so take charge of your own health and don't rely on doctors and books to fix all your problems. Take responsibility!

How would you interpret the King of Swords if it had shown up in the “final outcome” position in the Celtic Cross Spread?

Your life will demand that you take a mature, serious approach to things. You will need to be rational-minded and focused as you make decisions and avoid frivolous distractions during this important time. Decisions made now will have a strong effect on your life down the road.

3. Your reading for yourself using the past/present/future spread.

How would you read the Queen of Cups in the “Past” position?

You have relied on your intuition in the past and it has served you well. The things you nurtured in the past are coming to fruition now.

How would you read that same card in the “present” position?

Now is the time for you to listen to your feelings and nurture your intuition. Feelings are powerful and when you focus upon what you want to create with feeling, it will make all the difference.

And how would you read her if she appeared in the “future” position?

You are moving into a time of nurturing and self-reflection. It will be important for you to trust your intuition and perhaps even to teach others to do so.

4. You draw one card for guidance and insight into your daily life. How would you interpret the Knight of Pentacles if.....

You were having a problem making a decision?

There's no need to be hasty here. Don't rush into anything, you have time to think things through. What do you need to have in order to make this decision?

You long to quit your job, but aren't sure what to do instead?

You stay in your job because of fear – it feels familiar and safe and the idea of taking a risk scares you! What is keeping you stuck? What is it you are afraid of? When you are able to let go of that fear, the path will appear before you.

You're having your mother in law come stay with you for a month (and you're totally dreading it!)

Focus on grounding your energy (preferable through physical exercise). This will release some of your stress and tension. Perhaps your mother-in-law can be stubborn and set in her ways, but just focus on providing a stable, comfy atmosphere in your home and don't worry about all the rest.



Let's Get Personal!

Each Court Card represents a different aspect of ourselves. In this exercise, you are going to ask yourself how you are like the different Courts. The Queen of Swords may describe your personality to a tee, but somewhere inside of you lingers an adventurous Knight of Wands or a naive and artsy Page of Cups.

1. Which Court Card can you most relate to? How are you similar?

2. Which Court Card do you think is *least* like you? Was there ever a time when you were like this card? Or is there a part of you that is a bit like this card, but you keep it repressed?

3. Which Court Card do you wish you were more like? What traits do you admire? How can you be more like him/her?

4. Which Court Card is like someone you know that you just can't stand? What traits bug you the most about this court personality? In what ways

are you similar?

Now that you're warmed up, I suggest that you spend some time looking at each Court Card and seeing what aspects of your self it represents.



This can be done over a period of days or weeks, or all in one afternoon if you're really ambitious! Record your observations in a notebook. Dig deep and be willing to really connect with each card.

You might find that some cards, like the Pages, remind you of when you were younger and other cards might remind you of the parts of yourself you dislike or keep hidden.

Be open minded. If you really can't see how you are like a card (for example, perhaps you are nothing like the Knight of Wands – adventurous, loves action, always travelling) it can often represent traits you wish you had, or your fantasies. Like maybe you dream of travelling the world and being a real go-getter even though that's not really you.

Whether you choose to express, repress, nurture or ignore, all the Court Card personalities reside within you and when you are able to meet all your inner Kings, Queens, Knights and Pages, you will know and understand yourself that much more.

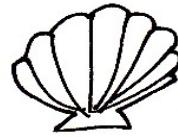
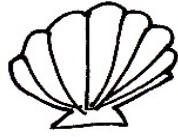
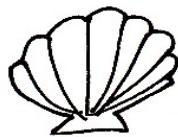
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Here are some questions that you can ask as you ponder each Court Card:

- How am I like this Court Card character?
- Does he/she represent an aspect of myself that I am comfortable or uncomfortable with?
- Does this Court Card represent traits that I wish I had, or traits that I wish I didn't have?
- How often do I behave, think or feel like this Court Card character? Often, sometimes or almost never?
- If I can't relate to a Court Card character now, was I like this character when I was much younger? Or was there a time in my life when I felt like this character?
- How do I treat this aspect of myself?
- What happens when I act, think or feel like this Court Card character?



Helpful Resources for Further Study



Court Cards: Learn Them Once and For All!

This is a blog post and video I made a couple years ago – it gives you 3 different ways to view a Court Card and an assortment of fun things you can try with your Court Cards to get a better understanding of what they mean and represent in a Tarot reading.

<http://www.daily-tarot-girl.com/learn-tarot/court-cards-learn-them-once-and-for-all/>

The Court Cards in Bed!

This is just a silly-fun blog series I did where I speculate what the Court Card characters would be like in bed. The Court Cards can seem a bit dry at times and this exercise helped me characterize them in a memorable way.

<http://www.daily-tarot-girl.com/2014/03/26/tarot-court-cards-bed-part-one-queens/>

Are Tarot Cards People?

In this article, I show you how to create a character from a Tarot card. This technique isn't specific to Court Cards, but I think you'll find it helpful :)

<http://www.daily-tarot-girl.com/2013/12/07/are-tarot-cards-people/>

Tarot for Your Self by Mary K Greer

This book has a great chapter on Court Cards and tons of really fun exercises. Highly recommended!

The following link is my Amazon affiliate link:

<http://amzn.to/1GN7oIG>

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Happy Tarot Reading!

Xoxo

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