

## SOCIAL STUDIES

### The Coat of Arms of Trinidad and Tobago

The Coat of Arms of Trinidad and Tobago was designed in 1962. The Coat of Arms is made up of important historical and native elements of Trinidad and Tobago.

Let us look at the parts of our Coat of Arms.

1. At the top is the Crest - a ship's wheel in gold in front of a coconut palm tree

2. Beneath the wheel is the wreath which holds the mantle in place. The Helm is a gold helmet facing front which represents the Queen.

5. The Supporters are a Scarlet Ibis on the left and, a Cocrico on the right

4. The Three Peaks represent Columbus' decision to name Trinidad after the Blessed Trinity and the three Peaks of the Southern mountain range, called the "Three Sisters" on the horizon.

At the bottom is water representing the oceans and The National Moto of Trinidad and Tobago

3. On the Shield are the two Hummingbirds. The three gold ships represent the Trinity - the discovery of the islands and the three ships of Columbus. The colour of the National Flag are on the shield.

An **important** use for a National coat of arms is as the main symbol on the covers of passports, the document used internationally to prove the citizenship of a person.