

**Do Now:** Tell me in the chat or out loud about an experience you had playing cards.



During this Google Slides presentation, please take notes about each deck.

Notes should include:

1. The deck's **country of origin** (for example France or Germany)
2. The **year** the deck was created.
3. Use of **color**.
4. Use of **line**.
5. Use of **symbolism** and/or **imagery**.



- It is estimated that early playing card games were present in China as early as 800 AD during the Tang Dynasty.
- Cards with suits and numerals on them appeared in the 13th century.

Chinese men playing cards, 18-19 century



- Mamluk playing card deck
- 1400's - 1500's
- Egyptian
- Images included are flowers, writing, cups, etc.



*Top: Original playing cards*

*Side: Reconstruction of the original deck*



- Stuttgart cards circa 1430
- One of the earliest surviving decks of German cards
- These cards were hand painted and sometimes engraved.
- Symbolism is inspired by the practice of the “courtly hunt” (rich people hunting).



- Created by a French card maker who was living in Spain.
- 1574.
- Printed from woodcuts.
- Imagery in the deck include swords, coins, and cups as well as a snake, a horse, and figures.

*Side: Reconstruction of cards created in 2002.*



- French.
- Circa 1800.
- Soldiers carry flags with the card's suit and rank.
- Consider the use of soldiers in this deck – what could they symbolize about France's attitude towards war in the 1800's?

A. Mamluk deck



B. Stuttgart deck



C. Spanish deck



D. French deck





# Your Assignment

Write a two paragraph response.

In the first paragraph, tell me which of the deck's is your favorite. Then share your notes as follows: 1. Country of origin, 2. Year created, 3. Use of color, 4. Use of line, 5. Use of symbolism/imagery.

In the second paragraph, tell me your personal opinion of the deck. Use art vocabulary to explain what about the card's imagery made it your favorite.

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