

## Fleshing Out Your Persona (or- “How to stop being ‘Jack the Samurai!’”):

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- What is one’s Persona?
  - Is this your Identity?
    - Personal
    - Psychological
    - Gender
  - Freud is post-period, so...
  - Who are you?
    - Time Period
      - Certain eras are better researched than others
    - Culture
      - Certain cultures are more popular
      - Research is less ‘a thing’ sometimes
      - Culture can be a local to a Kingdom aspect
      - Beware of Cultural Appropriation
      - Breadth versus Specificity
    - General Requirements-
      - Pre-17th Century Culture\*
      - Not required at all
  - Who you may NOT be?
    - Actual Historical Person
    - Literary Figure
- How does one choose a Persona?
  - Location
  - Culture
    - Name preference
      - Ask assistance from College of Heraldry
      - You don’t HAVE to register your name, however...
    - Armory (Heraldry)
      - Once again, contact the College of Heraldry
      - Displaying unregistered Arms is problematic
  - Historical Era

- Status
  - Beggar to Gentry to Nobility
    - You may not declare yourself a Pointy-Hat
- Visual Aid
  - Internet (More Historical, less World of Warcraft)
  - Osprey Books
  - Encyclopedia/Research
  - Someone's kit at an event
  - Personal preference/aesthetics
- So, You Have A Persona... Now What?
  - Fleshing out your story
    - As detailed or as brief as desired
      - This will wax and wane over time
- Example #1- [http://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Beorn\\_of\\_the\\_Northern\\_Sea](http://caidwiki.org/index.php?title=Beorn_of_the_Northern_Sea)
- Example #2- <https://www.sca.org/biographies/>
  - (In particular, read His Grace Bearkiller's persona biography)
- Baron Modar Neznanich, OP- <http://www.modaruniversity.org/Persona1.htm>
- More than one name/persona?
- Final Thoughts
- Questions?