

SPIRAL SEA TAROT

Getting to Know the Court Characters

Getting to know the court cards can be one of the most difficult aspects to mastering the tarot. This exercise is designed to help you to begin to draw your own associations so that you can adequately “character develop” each member of this royal family.

How-To: On this first page, there will some examples of criteria you can use and on page 2, you will find a blank chart that you can fill in yourself. The intention of the exercise is to select a handful of the criteria below and work your way through each court character by filling in your conclusions. For example, if you choose profession, you would go through each character and assign a profession you believe they could hold based on your understanding of the character thus far. By the end of the exercise, you will have a complete chart that will hopefully breathe some life into each of the court cards, making them easier to assimilate into your practice.

Criteria	Explanation	Example
Ideal Date	How does this court respond in partnership with others? What would an ideal date activity be (platonic or otherwise)?	The Queen of Wands = Dancing the night away
Alternative Card	What other card in the deck does the court remind you of?	The Knight of Coins = 8 of Coins
Celebrity	What famous person does the court remind you of?	The Queen of Cups = Oprah
Myers Briggs	16 court cards, 16 personality profiles; coincidence?	The King of Swords = ESTJ
Profession/Study	If this court could land their dream job or study in any area, what would that be?	The Knight of Cups = Poet
At A Party	If all the courts got together for a gathering, how would they interact and how would each be spending their time?	The Page of Swords = Quietly observing the crowd from a distance
Astrology	We already know the element associated with each court, now what astrological sign best fits?	The Page of Cups = Pisces
How You Relate	What about each court reminds you of yourself?	The Page of Swords = reminds me of my more introspective and observational nature.

Court Card Exercise Chart

	King - Fire	Queen - Water	Knight - Air	Page - Earth
Swords - Air				
Wands - Fire				
Coins - Earth				
Cups - Water				