

## Court Cards as a Family

- Kings can be of any sex or gender and externalize their experience. They know how to be an adult (Your Authority)
- Queens can be of any sex or gender and internalize their experiences and express themselves to a close circle of friends and family (Your Intuition/nurturing)
- Knights can be people of any sex or gender who are still working out what it means to be an adult. They are running around having lots of character building life experiences (movement/change)
- Pages people of any sex or gender who are and inexperienced the ways of the world and are still learning who they are and what role they want to play in society (youth/messenger/student)
- You can be any of these roles depending on your life situation. Running a company, that's a role for a King. Taking care of kids or coaching a friend? That's a Queen quality. If you are moving from place to place or job-hopping, that is Knight energy you are expressing. If you're learning a new skill, that's the role of the studious Page.
- Find an actor, old flame, family member, friend or anyone who symbolizes each Court Card for you. I once dated an investment banker who had his own successful business (worked very hard) and who also owned two Maseratis. He was also a fire sign. He is my King of Wands. Perhaps you know a neighbor's child, a boy, who just started out in college, then he would be the Page of Pentacles. Assign a person to each Court card and that will help you remember the attributes as well as create a real persona that will make your readings stellar!
- When a Court card appears in the reading how do you know if it is an aspect of the client or it is an actual person in the client's life? If your eye falls to the entire figure in the card, it is an actual person (not the client). If your eye falls to the wording at the bottom of the card, say for example, The QUEEN OF WANDS, then that is an aspect of the client. Perhaps she needs more passion in her life, or to fire up her passion for a goal. You could also select the feet of any card to be the Aspect.

## The Suits

**WANDS:** This is the entrepreneurial family—passionate and full of drive, they are ambitious folks. Steve Jobs, of Apple, is a prime example of someone who worked hard to make their dream a reality. For a suit in general the Wands deal with work and ambition.

**CUPS:** This is the emotionally savvy family. These are the artists, poets, musicians, and mystics, as well is your immediate family. They are people with deep feelings and great empathy for others. Mozart, Georgia O'Keefe, Gandhi and Carl Jung are all examples of people who were deep, spiritual and/or artistic souls that cared about others and/or their art. The cups deal with emotions and relationships.

**SWORDS:** This is the intelligence gathering family that is part of a spy agency (as an example). They deal with information, strategy, and planning; these are also the politicians, the strategists, the soldiers and the spies, as well as the scientists, lawyers and librarians. They are the tech analysts and whistle blowers. Edward Snowden is a prime example. The suit of Swords is filled with action and intrigue and is very exciting.

**PENTACLES:** This is the Legacy family—a Dynasty that's going to survive generations. It represents the old money families (Rockefellers) and big business families (DuPont/Heinz), but also the family that physically works with the earth, such as farmers, gardeners, and miners, and also folks whose business deals with property such as realtors, land developers, and environmentalists. This suit also represents bankers and stockbrokers and deals with resources, money, and property.