



The Art of Tarot

A JOURNEY FROM 15TH-CENTURY
PARLORGAMES TO MODERN
INTUITION.



Learning Objectives



BY THE END OF THIS SESSION, YOU WILL BE

- TRACE THE HISTORY OF TAROT FROM 15TH-CENTURY ITALY.
- IDENTIFY THE STRUCTURE OF A 78-CARD DECK.
- CONNECT THE MINOR ARCANA SUITS TO THEIR ELEMENTAL ENERGIES.
- PERFORM A BASIC THREE-CARD SPREAD FOR INTUITIVE STORYTELLING.



Key Vocabulary



DIVINATION
THE PRACTICE OF
SEEKING
KNOWLEDGE OF THE
FUTURE OR THE
UNKNOWN BY
SUPERNATURAL MEANS.



SYMBOLISM
THE USE OF SYMBOLS
TO REPRESENT IDEAS
OR QUALITIES, OFTEN
FOUND IN THE ART OF
THE CARDS.



ARCANA
DERIVED FROM THE
LATIN 'ARCANUS'
(SECRET). IT REFERS TO
THE DEEP MYSTERIES
CONTAINED WITHIN THE
DECK.

History & The Major

FAR FROM A GAME TO GUIDE TAROT ORIGINATED IN 15TH-CENTURY ITALY AS TAROCCHINI, A GAME FOR NOBLES. IT WASN'T UNTIL THE 18TH CENTURY THAT OCCULTISTS BEGAN USING THEM FOR DIVINATION.



KEY POINT

THE 22 MAJOR ARCANA CARDS REPRESENT 'THE FOOL'S JOURNEY'—THE UNIVERSAL ARCHETYPES AND MAJOR LIFE LESSONS WE ALL ENCOUNTER.

REFLECTION

WHY DO YOU THINK ARCHETYPES LIKE 'THE FOOL' OR 'THE MAGICIAN' STILL RESONATE WITH PEOPLE TODAY?



The Minor Arcana & Elements



THE 56 MINOR ARCANA CARDS REPRESENT DAILY LIFE, DIVIDED INTO FOUR ELEMENTAL SUITS.

WANDS & CUPS

- WANDS (FIRE): PASSION, ACTION.
- CUPS (WATER): EMOTION, INTUITION.



SWORDS & PENTACLES

- SWORDS (AIR): INTELLECT, LOGIC.
- PENTACLES (EARTH): FINANCES, HEALTH.



Match the Suit to its Element

1.

PENTACLES

A) WATER: FEELINGS AND HEALING

2.

CUPS

B) FIRE: ENERGY AND AMBITION

3.

SWORDS

C) EARTH: WORK AND STABILITY

4.

WANDS

D) AIR: MIND AND COMMUNICATION



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