chivalry definition: 1. very polite, honest, and kind behaviour, especially by men towards women 2. the system of behaviour followed by knights in the medieval period of history, that put a high value on honour, kindness, and courage 3. very polite behavior, esp. such behavior shown by men towardâ€¦. Learn more. Examples of â€œchivalryâ€. These examples are from the Cambridge English Corpus and from sources on the web. Any opinions in the examples do not represent the opinion of the Cambridge Dictionary editors or of Cambridge University Press or its licensors. The notion that women escaped death sentences because they were women was reinforced by the popular view that jurors and judges put justice behind chivalry. From Cambridge English Corpus. Chivalry definition, the sum of the ideal qualifications of a knight, including courtesy, generosity, valor, and dexterity in arms. See more. Dictionary.com Unabridged Based on the Random House Unabridged Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2019. Examples from the Web for chivalry. I have never met her, and I am inclined to laud her chivalry. Pulp Nonfiction: Indiaâ€™s Shameful Failure to Defend Historian of Hinduism|Tunku Varadarajan|February 13, 2014|DAILY BEAST. â€œThere's also the argument that traditional acts of chivalry are frowned upon as 'suspicious,'â€ she writes. A New Survey Suggests Chivalry May Not Be Dead...It's Just Women Who Are Doing It|Erin Cunningham|December 23, 2013|DAILY BEAST. Chivalry, for the most part, was the opposite of the Geneva Convention; it was all about making a profit on war. The image of an honorable knight saving a fair maiden from a dragon is not much more than sheer fantasy, and most of it seems to stem from the Victorian era; the Victorians, in the midst of the Industrial Revolution, looked at the Middle Ages through rose colored glasses as an idyllic place of pre-industrial innocence, projecting their own ideals of men.