

# FORM (etymonline.com)

- c 1200 old French "forme, fourme":  
PHYSICAL FORM, APPEARANCE, PLEASING LOOKS,  
SHAPE, IMAGE, WAY, MANNER. (also Latin, Greek...)
- c 1300 as "PHYSICAL SHAPE OF SOMETHING,"  
"CONTOUR", "OUTLINE OF A PERSON", "SHAPE OF THE  
BODY", ALSO "APPEARANCE", "LIKENESS", "THE IMPRINT  
OF AN OBJECT"
- c 1300 "THE CORRECT OR APPROPRIATE WAY OF  
DOING SOMETHING, ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE,  
TRADITIONAL USAGE, FORMAL ETIQUETTE"
- mid 14c "AN INSTRUMENT FOR SHAPING, A MOLD"
- late 14c "A WAY IN WHICH SOMETHING IS DONE"  
"PATTERN OF MANUFACTURED OBJECT"  
in theology & Platonic philosophy:  
"ARCHETYPE OF A THING OR CLASS,  
PLATONIC ESSENCE OF A THING, THE FORMATIVE  
PRINCIPLE"
- c 1300 in law: "A LEGAL AGREEMENT,  
TERMS OF AGREEMENT"
- 1610s: "A MERE CEREMONY"
- 1550s: "A CLASS OR RANK AT SCHOOL"  
"A FIXED COURSE OF STUDY"
- 1893 - form-fitting (clothes)