



Castles



Pupils will learn

- What is a King/Queen?
- Studying Henry VIII
- Comparing Henry VIII to Elizabeth II
 - Naming different parts of a castle
- Learning what different parts of the castle were used for
- Designing and making our own castles using appropriate materials

Important facts

- Links to prior learning:
 - [reference things from previous topics]
- [Key people]
- [Interesting facts]
- [Timeline of events]

Local Links

- Norwich Castle
- Framlingham Castle
- [Famous local people]
- [Events that they might go to outside of school]

Home Learning Ideas

- Explore which materials would be good to make a castle. Try making a castle out of the materials you think would be best to keep it safe from enemies!
- Explore who might live in a castle. What might it have been like to live in a castle?

Books to read at home

- *Castles* by Colin Thompson
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Inquiry Questions

- What might it be like to live in a castle?
- What materials would be good to make a castle?
- What materials would be good to make a moat?

Further Information



Key Vocabulary

Attack	an aggressive and violent act against a person or place.	Garderobes	a wardrobe or small storeroom in a medieval building.
Arrow slits	a narrow vertical slit in a wall for shooting or looking through or to admit light and air.	Keep	the strongest or central tower of a castle, acting as a final refuge.
Bailey	the outer wall of a castle.	Moat	a deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, fort, or town, typically filled with water and intended as a defence against attack.
Battlements	a parapet at the top of a wall, especially of a fort or castle, that has regularly spaced square openings for shooting through.	Motte	a mound forming the site of a castle or camp.
Curtain wall	a fortified wall around a medieval castle, typically one linking towers together.	Portcullis	a strong, heavy grating that can be lowered down grooves on each side of a gateway to block it.
Defend	protect from harm or danger.	Siege	cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of compelling those inside to surrender.
Drawbridge	a bridge, especially one over a castle's moat, which is hinged at one end so that it may be raised to prevent people crossing.	Turret	a small tower on top of a larger tower or at the corner of a castle.
Dungeon	a strong underground prison cell, especially in a castle.	Well	a shaft sunk into the ground to obtain water.
Focus	the centre of interest or activity.	Cease	come or bring to an end.

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* Words in grey are Tier 2 (non-topic specific) vocabulary