



# Our big question: Who would you invite into your castle?

## We will be thinking about these questions:

- What is a castle?
- Why do people build castles?
- Who might live in a castle?
- What is a King? What is a Queen?
- What is a monarchy?
- What are the different parts of a castle? What do they do?
- When was Norwich castle built?
- Is a castle a kind building?
- Has the way castles are used changed over time?

### Interesting Information

#### What are Castles?

A castle is a large, strong building built in the past by a ruler or important person to protect people inside from attack. They were both a home and a fortress.

#### Why were castles built?

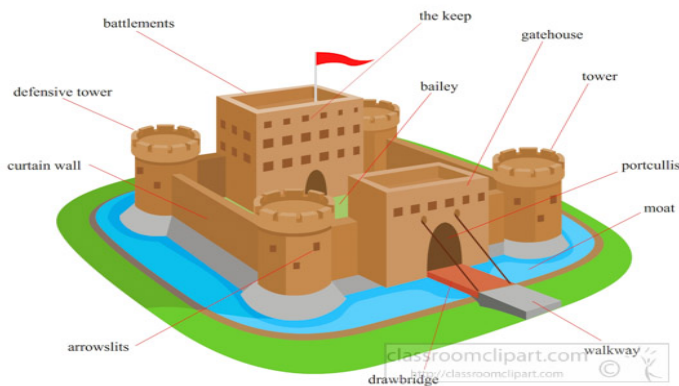
They were built to provide safety and protection from attack and to display the owner's importance and wealth.

#### Where were castles built and why?

Castles were often built on hilltops or surrounded by water to make them easier to defend.

#### Castle defence

Castle builders added many defensive features to make their castles difficult to attack. They included features such as a moat, ramparts, high walls, curtain walls, flanking towers, and battlements.



### Home Learning Ideas

- Can you learn about Norwich castle? Use the internet, books, or ask your family members if they know anything about it.
- Visit Norwich castle. What can you do there? What can you learn?
- What other castles are there in our world? Can you find your favourite castle? What do you like about it?
- Can you draw your own castle? What materials could you use to make it? Why have you chosen them?
- Make your own castle!
- Make up a story about some people who live in a castle.
- 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
- See Inside Castles by Katie Daynes
- Castles by Maggie Freeman
- Story of Castles by Leslie Sims
- Attacking a Norman Castle by Robin Twiddy
- Castles Magnified by D Long & H Bloom
- George and the Dragon (version by) C Wormell
- Look Inside a Castle by C Mason & B Ablett
- The Castle the King Built by R Colby & Froese
- The Knight Who Said "No!" by Rowland & Hindley

### Further Information - History of Norwich Castle

Before 1067	1067	1300s	1883
The area was an Anglo Saxon village.	The Normans built the castle.	The castle became a jail.	The castle became a museum

## Key Vocabulary

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

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