

Knowledge Organiser – Castles

Important Information

Castles are a type of home that was built to protect the people inside. People who lived in the castle included lords, who were in charge, as well as soldiers to defend it from enemy invaders, and even cooks and cleaners to keep everyone fed and tidy up. They could be very crowded places to live.

Design

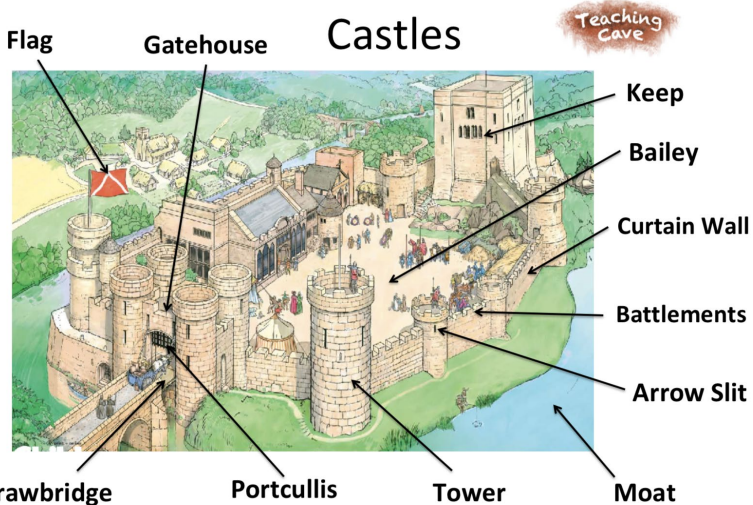
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Key Vocabulary

Flag	A piece of cloth or similar material, typically oblong or square, attachable by one edge to a pole or rope.
Gatehouse	A house standing by a gateway, especially on a country estate.
Keep	It is normally the largest building in the middle of the castle. It was built on the highest ground.
Bailey	The outer wall of a castle.
Curtain wall	Tall thick curtain walls surrounded the castle buildings like a strong shield.
Battlements	The top of the castle walls were the battlements, a protective, tooth shaped parapet often with a wall walk behind it for the soldiers to stand on.
Arrow slit	These provided a safer means of firing arrows on the attackers of the castle. They are found in many different styles on the curtain wall and towers of the castle.
Moat	Attackers were easy to shoot whilst swimming or rowing across the moats filled with water.
Tower	This is a defensive structure.
Portcullis	The 'portcullis' was a grid of heavy iron that was lifted up and down to let people in and out of the castle.
Drawbridge	The drawbridge was often made of wood and would swing up and down like a see-saw to let people in or out of the castle entrance.



Cut

Shape

Glue

Set yourself a target! By the end of this topic, what do you want to achieve?

Did you achieve your target? Yes / No

Paint

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Finish