

# Castles



Warwick Castle

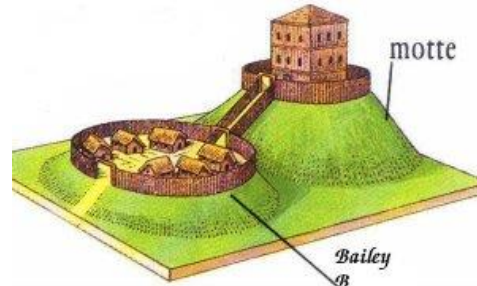


Windsor Castle



Eastnor Castle

A **castle** is a large building built with defences of thick walls, battlements, towers and in many cases a moat.



## Motte and Bailey

These castles were built first because they were quick and cheap to build. They were made out of wood.



## Keep and Bailey

These castles took longer to build because they were made out of stone. Some of them are still around today, including Windsor Castle and the Tower of London

## KEY QUESTIONS



Who built the first castles in the UK?

Why were castles built?

What were castles like?

What rooms might you find in a castle?

Who lived in a castle?

How did people decide where to build castles?

How did people defend their castles?

How and why were castles attacked?

## Important People



**William the Conqueror** - Became King in 1066 after defeating Harold of Wessex at the Battle of Hastings. He came from Normandy.

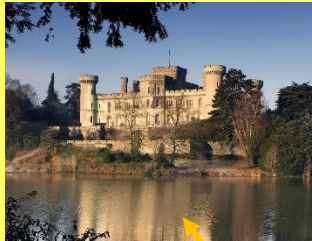


**Queen Elizabeth II** - She is our Monarch and has been queen since 1952 (69 years!).

## Features of a Castle



Battlements



Moat



Arrow Slits



Portcullis

## Vital Vocabulary

**Past** The past is events that happened before today. We can remember some past events but some happened before we were born.

**Present** The present is what is happening now. Today is the present.

## Websites:

Primary Homework - <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/Castles.html>

DK Find out - <https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/history/castles/>

BBC - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/g6bpm39>

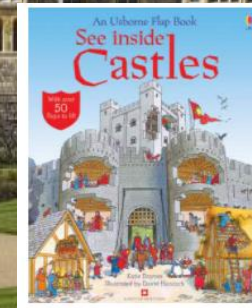
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### Things to Do:

**Music:** Research medieval music and host your own party with games and a feast!

**Making:** Build your own castle using junk modelling, Lego or playdough

**Computing:** Design a castle using a building game



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