

History—Castles

Subject-Specific Vocabulary

Definitions

The outer defence of a castle or walled city, such as a double tower above a gate or drawbridge.

A strong, heavy grating that can be lowered down grooves on each side of a gateway to block it.

A tall, narrow structure, forming part of the castle.

A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, fort, or town, that is filled with water.

A fortified tower built within a castle.

A small tower on top of a larger tower or at the corner of a building or wall.

A large medieval building, used to defend against enemy attack.

A bridge which is lowered over a castle's moat, that can be raised to prevent people crossing it.

castle

turret

keep

drawbridge

tower

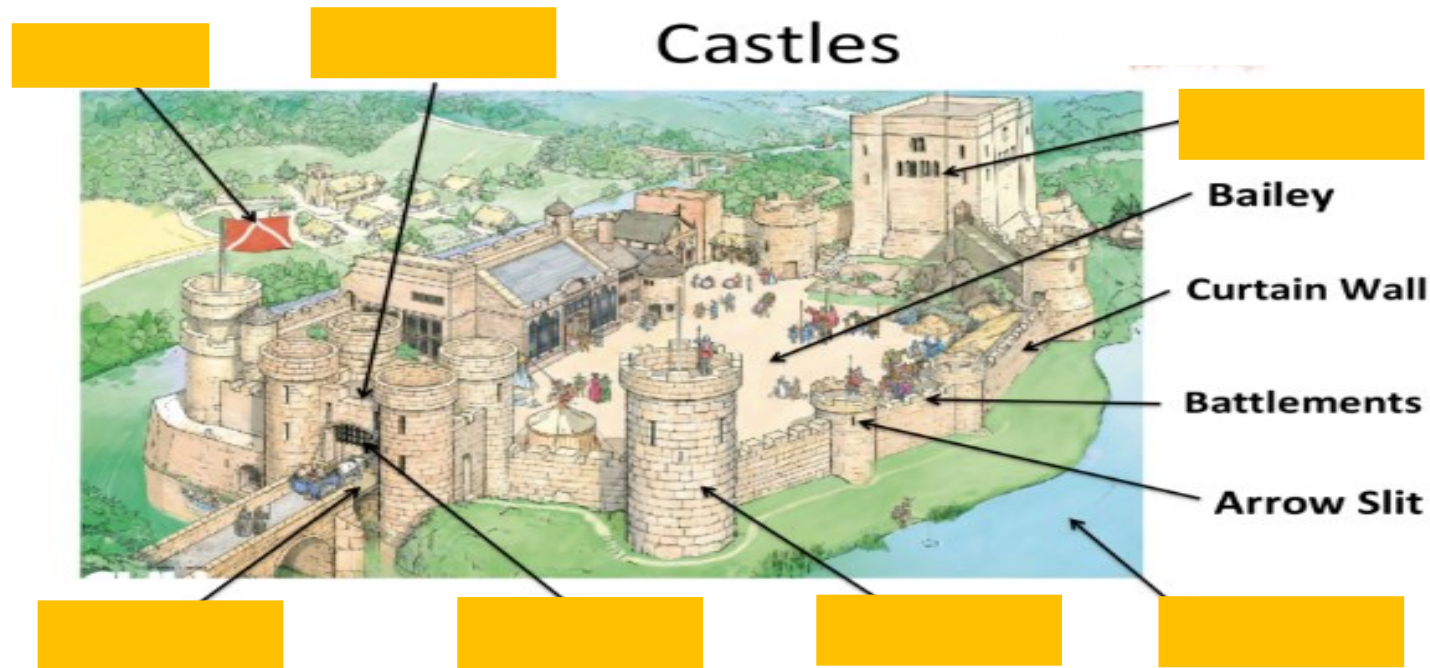
barbican/gatehouse

portcullis

moat

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Associated Diagram



Label the features of the castle:

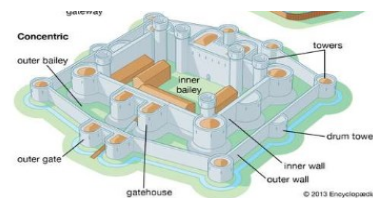
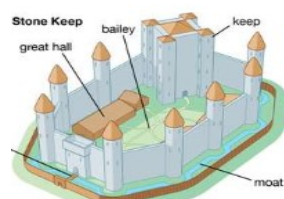
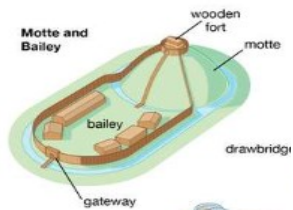
flag portcullis drawbridge tower moat keep gatehouse

Draw lines to connect the names of each castle to the correct diagram:

Stone Keep castle

Concentric castle

Motte and Bailey castle



Sticky Knowledge

Why were castles built? Tick **one**.

- A. To provide good views of the countryside.
- B. To protect the inhabitants from enemy attack.
- C. To hold large gatherings and parties.

Which of the following people might have lived or worked in a castle?

Tick **all that apply**.

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| Kings | <input type="checkbox"/> | Commander | <input type="checkbox"/> | Freeman | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Lords | <input type="checkbox"/> | Peasants | <input type="checkbox"/> | Knights | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cooks | <input type="checkbox"/> | Children | <input type="checkbox"/> | Soldiers | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ladies | <input type="checkbox"/> | Serfs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Jesters | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name **three different jobs** that were available in a castle in the middle ages:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Draw lines to match the following castles to their locations:

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|-------------------|----------|
| Edinburgh Castle | England |
| Warwick Castle | Wales |
| Caernarfon Castle | Scotland |
| | Ireland |