

What should I already know?

- Stone Age people lived in caves and made defences to keep out wild animals.
- The first towns and cities had walls to keep out invaders
- Kings and nobles fortified their large homes to protect themselves.

Vocabulary

Bailey— a courtyard surrounded by a wall or a fence.

Concentric—the word concentric means one circle inside another (this referred to the walls of this type of castle).

Concentric Castle—the concentric castle was developed in the 12th and 13th centuries and offered the best protection against attack.

Drawbridge— a bridge that can be pulled up, for example to prevent people from getting into a castle or to allow ships to pass underneath it.

Fortification—a strong wall, building, or other reinforced structure that's used to defend against attack. In medieval times, castle fortifications protected them from invading armies.

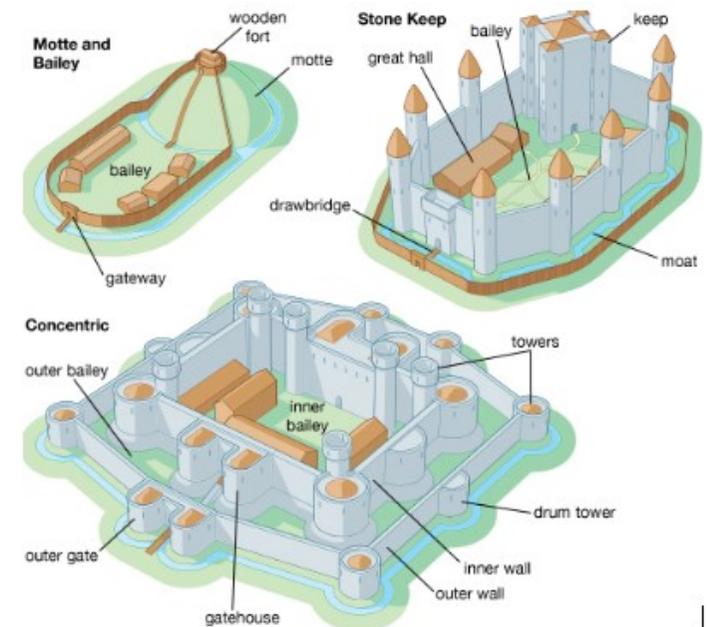
Motte and Bailey— first type of European castle. They are considered to be the beginnings of the great castle age. These were prolific between the 10th and 12th centuries.

Moat— ditch dug as a fortification and usually filled with water.

Motte— is a mound of dirt.

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

Stone Castles—replaced the motte and bailey castles but stone castles also changed over time.



Historical and Geographical Skills and Enquiry

- Exploring what life was like in the Middle Ages.
- Finding out about William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings.
- Identifying the land features where castles were built.
- Identifying the hierarchy of power in medieval times.
- Naming UK castles and identifying their location and features.
- Using maps to locate key features and landmarks.
- Using compass points to travel around a map.
- Using and creating simple keys for maps.

What will I know by the end?

- The great age of castles began almost 1,000 years ago and lasted for nearly 500 years.
- The Normans introduced the first proper castles, starting with the wooden motte and bailey castles, to England following their victory at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. They needed to protect their new kingdom, so as a result the early years of Norman occupation saw a frenzy of castle building.
- Name and locate famous castles in England on a map and identify their key features.
- Know the difference between motte and bailey castles, concentric castles and stone castles.