

KS1 History Knowledge Organiser -Castles

The first castles built in England were built by the Normans.



The Normans invaded Britain during a battle in 1066 called 'The Battle of Hastings'. It was fought between William of Normandy and his army from France (called the Normans) and King Harold Godwinson II and his English army (Anglo-Saxons). William won and conquered England becoming King.

William the Conqueror

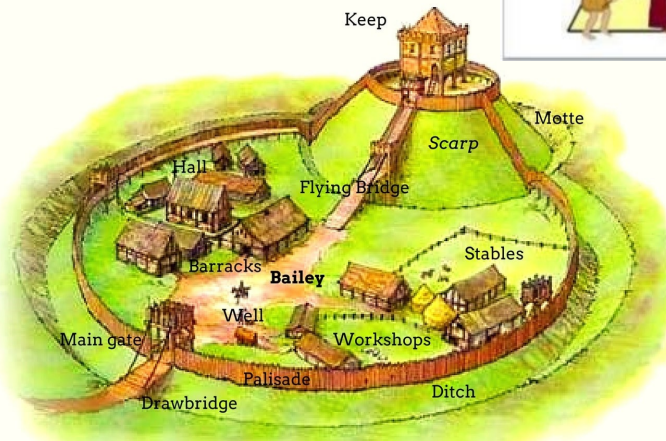
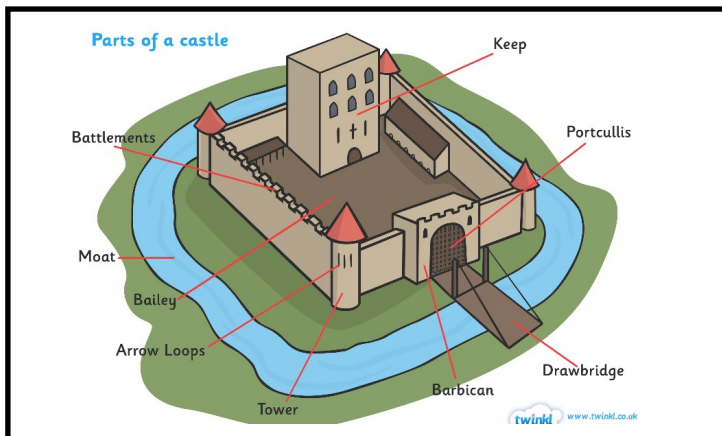
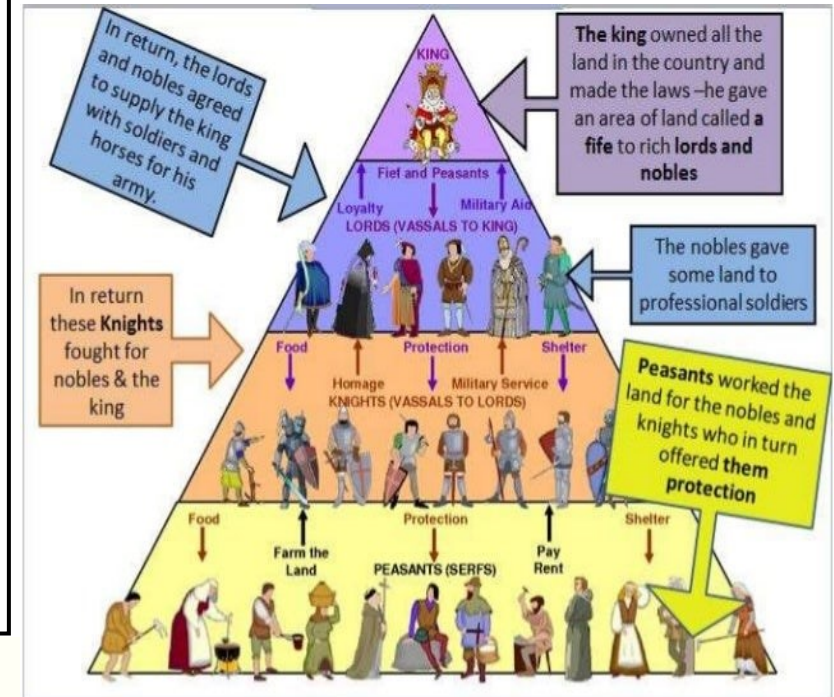


Historical Artefacts

We can use lots of sources of evidence to find out about the past. The Bayeux Tapestry is a large piece of fabric which has pictures sewn into it, recording the events of the Battle of Hastings.

People and Jobs

Castles are like small villages and have lots of people living in them or close by them. Some of the jobs were:



Did You Know?

The first castles were made from wood not stone!
They were called Motte and Bailey Castles.

General Glossary

Battle – a fight between armed groups

Conquer – to take control of a place

Invade - to take control of a place abroad

Defend - to protect someone or something

Normans - a group of people that invaded English

Anglo-Saxons - what English people were called in the past

Medieval times - a time period in the past

Castle Features Glossary

Arrow Loops - small, thin windows in a castle's walls to fire arrows through

Drawbridge - a bridge over a moat that can be raised or lowered.

Moat - a ditch filled with water that surrounds a castle

Turret - a small tower which is often round in shape

Portcullis - a strong gate which can be raised or lowered

Parapet - a protective wall onlong the edge of a roof or bridge

Ramparts (Crenellations and Merlons) - the raised and lowered stonework on the top of a castle wall

