




Topic: Why were castles built ,and who lived in them?

What I should already know	Key Dates	Vocabulary																																				
<p>I understand some words relating to the passing of time, e.g. now, later, before, after. I know that people live in different types of houses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most castles were built between 500 and 1000 years ago (1066 – 1500) . Big stone castles (concentric castles) were built from 1277 (about 700 years ago). Windsor Castle was first build in 1070, but was altered over the years. It looks different now. 	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Castle</td> <td>a large building with thick walls, battlements, towers, and in many cases a moat</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arrow slit or arrow loop</td> <td>a narrow vertical slit in a wall for shooting or looking through</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moat</td> <td>a deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portcullis</td> <td>A strong gate lowered to block the entrance to the castle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drawbridge</td> <td>A bridge over a moat that can be raised or lowered</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Battlements</td> <td>A wall around the top of the castle with cut-outs (looks like teeth)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tower</td> <td>A tall, narrow building (or part of a building) starting at the ground</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Turret</td> <td>A small tower in top of a larger tower or building</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Keep</td> <td>A strong tower inside the wall. The last line of defence.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>King</td> <td>Male ruler of a land</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Queen</td> <td>Female ruler of a land or a king's wife</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Knight</td> <td>A soldier hundreds of years ago</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gong farmer</td> <td>A person who cleaned up poo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cook</td> <td>A person who cooks food</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jester</td> <td>A joker, who entertained people long ago.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Squire</td> <td>A knight's assistant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Garderobe</td> <td>A toilet in a castle</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Murder Holes</td> <td>Holes in the castle, used to drop stones or hot tar on enemies</td> </tr> </table>	Castle	a large building with thick walls, battlements, towers, and in many cases a moat	Arrow slit or arrow loop	a narrow vertical slit in a wall for shooting or looking through	Moat	a deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water	Portcullis	A strong gate lowered to block the entrance to the castle	Drawbridge	A bridge over a moat that can be raised or lowered	Battlements	A wall around the top of the castle with cut-outs (looks like teeth)	Tower	A tall, narrow building (or part of a building) starting at the ground	Turret	A small tower in top of a larger tower or building	Keep	A strong tower inside the wall. The last line of defence.	King	Male ruler of a land	Queen	Female ruler of a land or a king's wife	Knight	A soldier hundreds of years ago	Gong farmer	A person who cleaned up poo	Cook	A person who cooks food	Jester	A joker, who entertained people long ago.	Squire	A knight's assistant	Garderobe	A toilet in a castle	Murder Holes	Holes in the castle, used to drop stones or hot tar on enemies
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<p><u>When and why were castles built?</u> Castles were often built on top of hills. This was the first line of defence. It was hard for an attacking army to get up the hill. Castles were built to protect people from invaders/enemies attacking them.</p>  <p><u>Castle features</u> – Castles often had a moat, drawbridge, portcullis, thick walls with battlements, arrow loops, murder holes, towers and turrets.</p> <p><u>Who lives in a castle now?</u> Windsor Castle is one of the Queen's/King's homes.</p> 	<p><u>Castle Rooms</u> – Castles often had a keep, a hall, bedrooms, kitchen, knights' quarters, armoury, prison/dungeon, granary, servants' quarters.</p> <p><u>People/Jobs in a Castle</u> Royals/Lords – These people owned the castles, and other people did jobs for them.</p> <p>Knights were soldiers. They rode on horses. They wore armour to protect them. They had shield and swords. They competed in jousting competitions for entertainment.</p> <p>Squires were assistants to knights. They looked after the horses and the knights' equipment. A squire became a knight when he was about 21.</p>  <p>Other jobs – gong farmer, jester, cook.</p>																																					

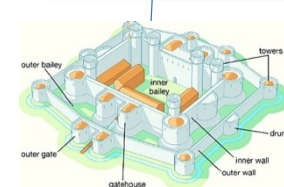
Timeline of events



Motte & Bailey Castle 11th Century



Stone Keep Castle 12th Century



Concentric Castle 12th & 13th Centuries

