

Living in Castle Times



Key Knowledge

- The first castle was built 1,000 years ago and they lasted around 500 years.
- The first castles built were made out of wood before changing to stone.
- Castles were owned by the King and around 20-40 people would live in the castle.
- Castles were built and designed specifically to defend against battle. There were many parts to a castle all which had a purpose.
- Within a castle would live the rich and the poor, both would live completely different lives within the castle.
- There are lots of different job roles within a castle and your wealth determined which job you had.
- Life within castle times was very different to life in modern times.
- Some castles are still around today (Windsor Castle) and look exactly the same as 500+ years ago. Some castles are ruins (Pontefract Castle) as they would've been attacked in the past.

Vocabulary

Definition

Medieval	A period in time known as the 'Middle Ages' which lasted from the 5th to the 15th century.
King	The male ruler of an independent state, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth.
Lord and Lady	The Lord worked for the King and would be left in charge when the King wasn't present. The Lady was married to the Lord and carried out similar jobs.
Keep	The keep was the centre of castle life, often serving as the lord's residence, and was usually the place of last shelter when defending the castle.
Moat	A moat is a deep, broad ditch, either dry or filled with water, which is dug and surrounds a castle.
Bailey	The bailey was an open area inside the castle complex that contained the domestic and other necessary buildings of castle life.
Drawbridge	A drawbridge or draw-bridge is a type of moveable bridge typically at the entrance to a castle or tower surrounded by a moat.
Queen Elizabeth II	Queen Elizabeth II is the Queen of the United Kingdom and has been since 1952.
Monarchy	A form of government with a monarch at the head.

Timeline

