

Haslingden High School  
Humanities Faculty  
HISTORY HOMEWORK BOOKLET 1  
Year 7



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## Task 1 How did castles change?

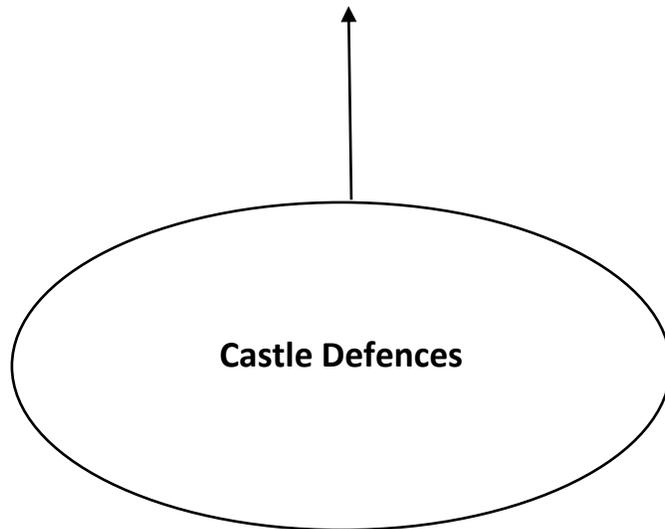
Research the 3 different types of castles and complete the table

Type of Castle	Key Features	Advantages	Disadvantages
 <p>Motte and Bailey</p>			
 <p>Square Keep Castle</p>			
 <p>Concentric Castle</p>			

## **Task 2 What defences did castles have?**

Create a mind map of the different defences of a castle. Include a short description of each defence. There is an example on the mind map to help.

A Moat – this was water that surrounded the castle. It was easier to attack people who were rowing or swimming across the moat.



### **Task 3 Attacking a castle**

Below are the main ways invaders would attack a medieval castle. Read through the descriptions.

**Fire** – Fire was the best way to attack a motte and bailey castle since they were entirely made from wood. The fire might be started by starting a bonfire outside the palisade (fence). More often it was started by fire arrows being shot at the castle. As the fire spread those inside would be forced to leave allowing the attackers to imprison them or kill them.

**Battering Ram** – The thick stone walls of a stone keep castle were very difficult to knock down. Although pick axes could be used against castles with thinner walls it would take a very long time to make a hole in a castle with thick walls. The battering ram was useful as the weight of many men could be put behind it. It could weaken castle walls and force open castle doors.

**Ladders** – Ladders would be used to climb over castle walls and attack the people living within the castle. However, men climbing the ladder could be hit by an arrow, or have boiling water or oil poured over them.

**Siege Tower** – This was designed to replace ladders. The siege tower was a large tower on wheels/ It could be pushed up to castle walls. Ladders inside the tower allowed the attackers to climb to the top of the castle walls while being protected by the tower.

**Catapult** – A catapult was a large machine which could be used to fling large stones, fireballs, dead animals and even plague victims at the castle wall or into the castle itself. It worked by twisting rope as tightly as possible so it acted like elastic when the arm was released.

**Mining** – Attackers would dig a tunnel underground, up to the castle walls and up to the gatehouse if possible. They would then set off an explosion which would make the castle walls crumble and collapse. The main advantage was the attack could not be seen by those living in the castle.



**Task 4 – Design your Own Castle (This is the main part of your homework booklet and should take between 1 and 2 hours.)**

Your final task is to design your own castle. You must base this on one the of the 3 castles you researched in task 1.

**Pick one of the options below**

Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a drawing of your chosen castle.</li><li>• Your castle must include defensive features</li><li>• Your castle must be labelled to show the different features</li><li>• Write a paragraph explaining your castle design</li></ul>
Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a 3D model of your chose castle. This could be out of cardboard boxes/toilet rolls etc.</li><li>• You must also produce a leaflet explaining the key features of your castle</li></ul>
Option 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create a cake castle</li><li>• This castle must be fully edible but also have features of a real castle.</li><li>• You must also produce a leaflet explaining the key features of your castle</li></ul>

Option Picked: