



Castles in our local area – Taunton Castle, Dunster castle and

Castle Jobs

Carpenter They built furniture, roofing, siege engines and wood panelling. They were a skilled craftsman who shaped or made things of wood and were considered to be elite tradesmen.

Ditcher A Ditcher was a labourer who dug castle moats and foundations.

Gong Farmer – They removed human excrement (poop!) from garderobes (toilets). They only worked at night, and were often called 'nightmen', and the collections as 'night soil'.

Motte and Bailey

These castles were built first because they were quick and cheap to build. King William needed castles as soon as possible to defend his new crown. They were made out of wood. It has been said that nearly 1000 motte and bailey castles were built by the Normans.

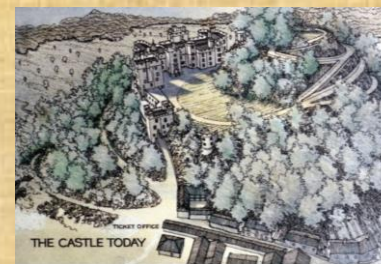
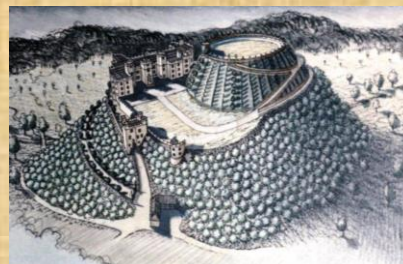
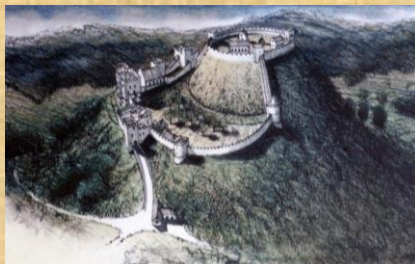
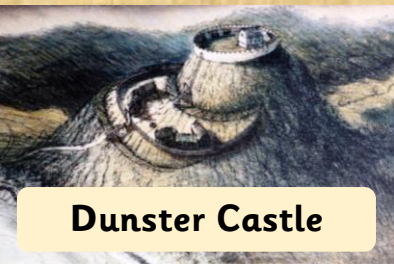
Keep and Bailey

When the rebellion against King William calmed down they were able to build Keep and Bailey castles, that took longer to build and were made out of stone. Some of them are still around today, including Windsor Castle and the Tower of London.



William the Conqueror

Dunster Castle



Key Knowledge

I know that Dunster Castle was originally a Motte and Bailey castle.

I know that Motte and Bailey castles were built out of wood.

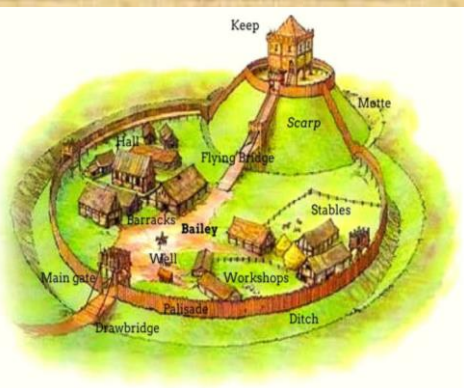
I can name different occupations of the staff working in the castle.

I know who might have lived in a castle.

I can name parts of a Motte and Bailey castles.

I know that Taunton castle was part of many battles. I can talk about protective features of a castle.

I know that many castles in the United Kingdom were damaged in a civil war between King Charles and people that disagreed with him (Oliver Cromwell).





Key Vocabulary

motte	A tall steep sided mound on which the keep was built.
bailey	An area surrounded by a wooden fence (and later stone walls), where soldiers and servants lived.
keep	The strongest part of the castle. This was built on top of the motte and was often lived in by the owner of the castle.
castle	A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.
arrow loop	A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.
battlements	Found at the top of a castle's walls, with openings to shoot through and raised sections for protection.
drawbridge	A bridge, which can be raised and lowered, often found over a castle's moat.
portcullis	A strong, heavy spiked barrier that can be lowered to block an entrance.
moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water.

Charles I and Oliver Cromwell

Cromwell was an excellent public speaker and, as such, gained supporters to rebel against the king. Lots of castles were destroyed or partly destroyed because these were castles or country houses belonging to Royalists (people who supported the king).



**Oliver
Cromwell**

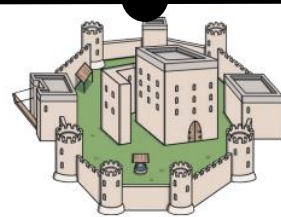
Charles I



motte and bailey castle
built from wood



stone keep motte and
bailey castle



stone keep castle with
stone curtain walls



concentric castle



courtyard castle
and moat



fortified manor house

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