

Independent Learning Task Assignment Title: Why and how did Castles develop?

Year group: Year 7

**Learning Objectives: Students will be able to:**

- show an understanding of Castle building over time and give reasons for the main changes.
- select, describe and illustrate ways in which Castles were defended and attacked.
- put together information in their own words from a variety of historical sources.

Learning Attributes to be covered:

Reflective learning, Independent enquiry and Creative thinking

Final Deadline:

Assignment	Beginning	Developing	Secure	Proficient
How did different castles develop?	Find names and pictures of different castles eg. Motte and Bailey.	Research, illustrate and describe different types of castles including Motte and Bailey, Stone and Concentric castles.	Describe and explain the main changes in castle building over time.	Describe and explain the main changes in castle building over time. Compare
How were castles defended and attacked?	Find pictures of different methods of attacking and defending castles.	Research and describe a range of methods used e.g. trebuchets.	Research, describe and explain the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of ways to attack and defend a castle.	Research, describe and explain the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of ways to attack and defend a castle with reference to a real-life example of a castle siege.
Where were castles located?	Find a picture of a castle located in a good place and label it.	Describe and explain the main locations for castles, on hills, cliffs, rivers etc.	Explain the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of locations. Include examples.	Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of a variety of locations. Include examples.
What was life like in a castle?	Gather information and a picture about life in a castle for a Knight.	Find information and illustrations about life for rich and poor people- Lords and servants.	Describe the lives of a variety of people living in a castle such as Jesters, Lords and Ladies.	Describe the lives of a variety of people living in a castle such as Jesters, Lords and Ladies and explain how castle life was organised.
A case study of a castle.	Select a picture and some information on a castle of your choice.	Research and explain the features of a castle of your choice and describe it's development over time.	Research and give reasons for the changes over time to a castle of your choice.	Research and give reasons for the changes over time to a castle of your choice. Explain the local or national significance of your castle.

**Resources/ Guide:**

There are lots of good books in the School library that you can use.

**Useful internet links:**

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/medieval-england/castles/>

<http://www.britannia.com/history/david1.html>

<http://www.historic-uk.com/HistoryMagazine/DestinationsUK/History-of-Castles/>

<http://www.lordsandladies.org/development-of-castles-in-the-middle-ages.htm>

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/familydaysout/top-10-castles/>

