

Social Studies 8

Castles

1. What part of Great Britain did the Normans have trouble conquering?
2. How was life in the Middle Ages different from today?
3. What natural defences did the fictitious Aberwyvern Castle have?
4. How many defensive walls ringed the castle's inner ward?
5. Why was the well located in the safest part of the castle?
6. What defenses did the town have?
7. How were the thick walls of a castle built?
8. What are crenellations?
9. How were archers able to fire out through a castle's walls without fear of being hit by incoming arrows?
10. What was contained within a castle's towers?
11. What defences did a gate house have? (more information will come later in the film too).

12. What was found in the inner ward of a castle?
13. What was the most important room in any castle?_____
14. What function did this serve?
15. How did life inside the castle differ from life in the countryside?
16. What was town life like?
17. Why did villages or towns often develop next to castles?
18. Who did doctors' work in medieval society?
19. What kinds of decorations were found in castles?
20. What sports did nobles play?
21. Where did the king stay when he visited a vassal's castle?
22. How is the game of chess similar to the real Medieval warfare?
23. What methods did attackers use against castles?