

Y2-Knowledge Organiser –Dungeons and Dragons

Key Facts

- Harold of Wessex—Important person in England. claimed the crown after King Edward died. Died in the Battle of Hastings.
- William the Conqueror - Became King in 1066 after defeating Harold of Wessex at the Battle of Hastings. Came from Normandy.
- The Battle of Hastings was in 1066; the Bayeux Tapestry shows events from the battle.

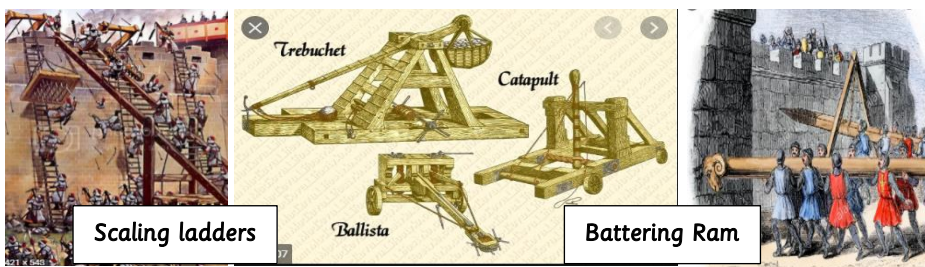
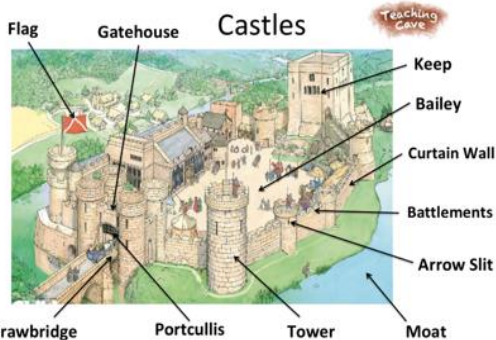


Castles

- Many castles were built during the Middle Ages (5th Century AD to 15th Century).
- Castles were fortified homes of important people such as Lords of the King or Queen. A castle allowed them to control the surrounding land and kept their family and riches safe. They had lots of defences to protect them.
- Lots of people worked in a castle doing different jobs including knights, blacksmith, soldiers, craftsmen, cooks and servants.
- Life in a medieval castle centred around the Great Hall. This is where the Lord would eat, entertain guests, hold banquets and conduct business.

Key Vocabulary

- **bailey**-the outer wall of a castle.
- **battlements**-the top of the castle wall with raised sections and lowered sections to allow people to fire arrows at opponents in battle.
- **castle**-a large building, typically of the medieval period, fortified against attack with thick walls, battlements, towers, and in many cases a moat.
- **drawbridge**-a bridge that can be lowered or raised to enter and exit a castle.
- **keep**-fortified tower built within castles for defence.
- **Lord and Lady**-important people of high rank who run and own the castles. Lords are men and ladies are women.
- **medieval**-period of time 11th century until 16th century
- **moat**-a deep ditch that surrounds a castle. It can be filled with or without water.
- **portcullis**-a strong iron gate that can be raised to allow the drawbridge to be lowered.
- **siege**- when an enemy surrounds a town, castle or other building so no one can escape and no food can get in.
- **turrets**-A small tower built on the castle, at the corner or on top of a larger tower.



Timeline of events

5th January 1066-King Edward the Confessor died

6th January 1066-Harold Godwinson crowned King of England.

January 1066-As news of Harold's coronation spread, both William and Harald Hadrada of Norway planned to invade England to contest the throne.

25th September 1066-At the Battle of Stamford Bridge Harald Hadrada and King Harold's brother Tostig were killed

27th September 1066-William of Normandy and his forces landed at Pevensey on the Sussex coast.

14th October 1066- The Battle of Hastings took place. King Harold of England was killed and William of Normandy was victorious.

25th December 1066-William of Normandy (the Conqueror) was crowned King of England

1068AD-Warwick Castle built.



9th September 1087-William the Conqueror died.

