

# History- Castles

A castle is a big, strong building where kings, queens, and knights used to live.

Castles have tall walls, towers, and sometimes a moat (a water-filled ditch) around them to keep enemies out.

They were giant buildings that protected the people inside from danger.

Castles were mainly built in the 'The Middle Ages'. This was a period in history which began roughly 1000 years ago.



Sheffield once had a castle. It was once used to keep a queen prisoner.

Castles were often attacked. The attackers would use tools such as towers, battering rams and catapults. To keep castles safe from attack, they were built with moats, drawbridges, and safe spaces to fire arrows from.

Life in a castle was different for different people. Kings, queens and knights lived in large rooms and had big feasts. For other people like servants, cooks and guards, the rooms were smaller and the food simpler.



Knights



Kings and Queens



Guards

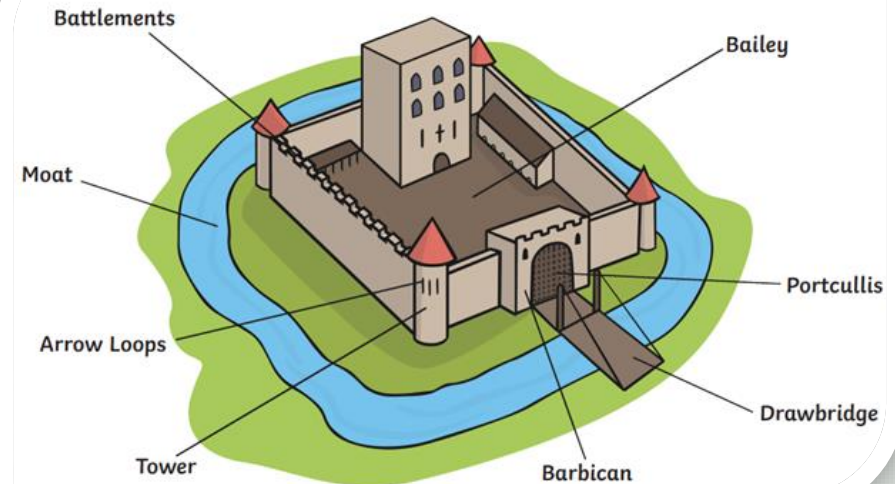


Cooks



Servants and Peasants

## Parts of a Castle



# Key Vocabulary

**drawbridge-** bridge over water.



**moat-** ditch filled with water.



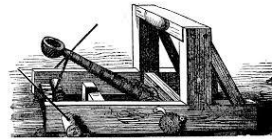
**tower-** tall building.



**battering ram-** weapon used to knock down walls or doors.



**catapult-** weapon used to break down walls.



**attack-** hurting a person or place on purpose.

**defend-** to protect a person or place for attack.

**archeologist-** a person who studies buildings, tools and objects from the past..