

Kings, queens and castles

Where did kings and queens live through time?

Lesson 2: Why did monarchs build castles?



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Historical skills

Key historical skills



Chronology



Evidence and interpretation



Similarity and difference



Cause and consequence ✓



Change and continuity



Historical significance

Supporting enquiry skills



Understanding timelines



Studying evidence



Sifting arguments



Developing perspective and judgement



Thinking critically ✓



Asking and answering questions ✓



King Henry VIII



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Lesson 1: How can we find out about the past?

Lesson 2: Why did monarchs build castles?

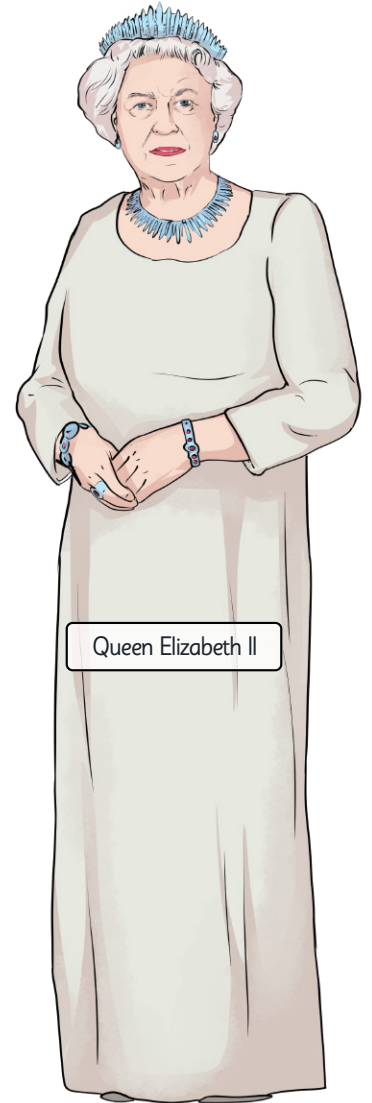
Lesson 3: Who were the kings and queens of the past?

Lesson 4: Who was Queen Victoria and where did she live?

Lesson 5: Who was the first Queen Elizabeth?

Lesson 6: Why do we remember King William I?

Lesson 7: Where did kings and queens live through time?



Queen Elizabeth II



Key vocabulary for this lesson



attack

– use weapons or armed force against an enemy



protect

– keep safe from harm



monarch

– a sole ruler such as a king, queen or emperor



Cause and consequence



Hi! My name is **Gareth**, and I am a **historian**. I use the key historical skill '**cause and consequence**' to help understand what happened and why it's important. I also try to figure out how one event led to another.

For example, something that happened long ago can **cause changes that affect how people live today**. My job is to learn about these events, understand them and explain why they still matter today.

Castles were built for kings and queens to live in (**cause**).

Many castles remain today for us to visit and learn about (**consequence**).



Let's recap

Can you remember the names of these **kings** 👑 and **queens** 👑 that we mentioned in our last lesson?



Discuss this question with your learning partner.

Be ready to **share your feedback** with the class before the **answers are revealed**.

Let's recap

answers



Monarchy



Asking and
answering
questions



**King
William I**



**Queen
Elizabeth I**



**Queen
Victoria**



**Queen
Elizabeth II**



**King
Charles III**



Let's discuss



Cause and
consequence



Thinking
critically



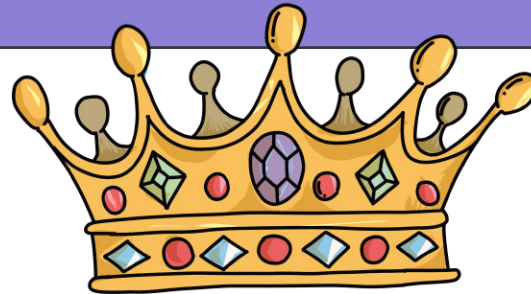
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Why do kings and queens live in **castles**?



Use this sentence starter to help you:

"I think kings and queens live in castles because..."



Let's discuss

answers



Cause and
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Thinking
critically




Monarchy



Castles were often **very big**. This was to show how much **money** the important person had.

Castles were built for **important people**, their families and servants.

Castles were designed to launch weapons to **attack**  the enemy.

Castles were built to **protect**  important people from attack.

Castles are also a **symbol of power**.



Stop and jot



Why did **monarchs**  choose to live in castles?

Let's explore the **materials** used in castles and why they were chosen!

Look at the **pictures** on your **stop and jot worksheet** with your learning partner or table group. Decide which **material** is best for which part of a castle and match them up.

Stop and jot

Match the **material** to its **use in a castle**.



Castle walls need to be strong and not burn.

wood



Gates and weapons should be hard and not break.

brick



Early castles and furniture needed a material easy to find.

paper



Later castles and palaces needed to be strong and weatherproof.

metal



Tapestries and flags for decoration and warmth.

stone



Scrolls and letter writing.

fabric



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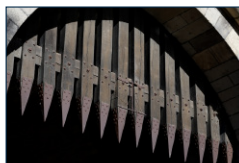
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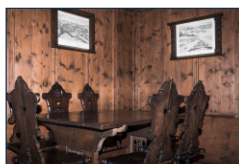
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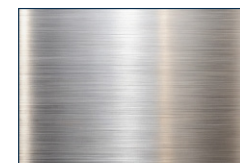
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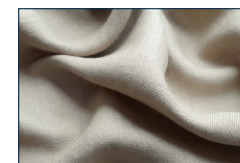
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Let's watch

Let's watch this video to help us learn about the **features of a castle**.
Can you spot some **materials** used to build castles?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vs5YAvJPN3I>



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Activity



We are going to think about why **castles were built**.

I will read out some **statements** about castles.

You need to decide if the statements are **true** or **false** and **tick your answer** on your **activity worksheet**.

Be ready to **feed back to the class** before the **answers are revealed**.

Activity

Read these **castle statements** and decide if they are **true** or **false**.

True

False

Castles were built to protect important people, such as kings and queens, from attack.

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Castles were easy to get into. Everyone was welcome.

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The first castles were made from wood.

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The castles that lasted the longest, and remain today, were built of stone.

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Battlements were added to the tops of castle walls to look fancy.

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The water around some castles is called a moat.

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Castles were built at the bottom of a hill.

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Castles were a symbol of power. They were big to show people how much money the king or queen had.

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Challenge



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Asking and
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Discuss this question with your **learning partner**.

Why do you think the **first castles** built
from **wood** aren't around today?

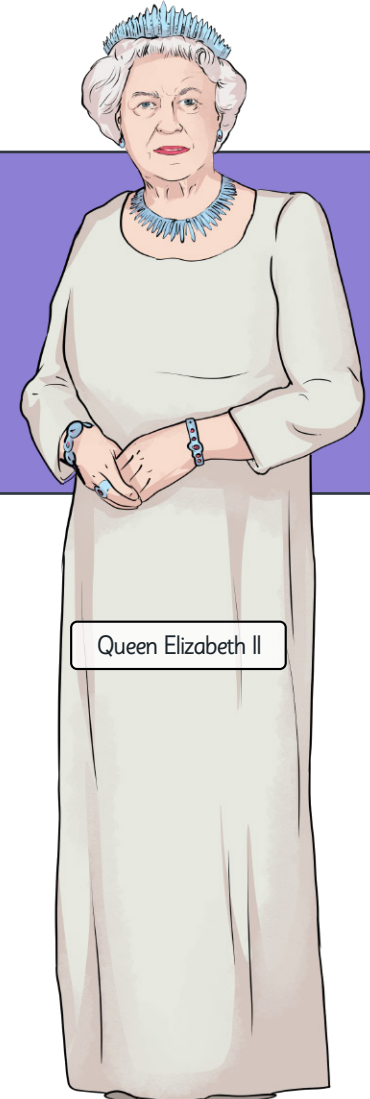
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Use this sentence starter to help you:

**“The first castles built from wood aren’t
around today because...”**



King Henry VIII



Queen Elizabeth II



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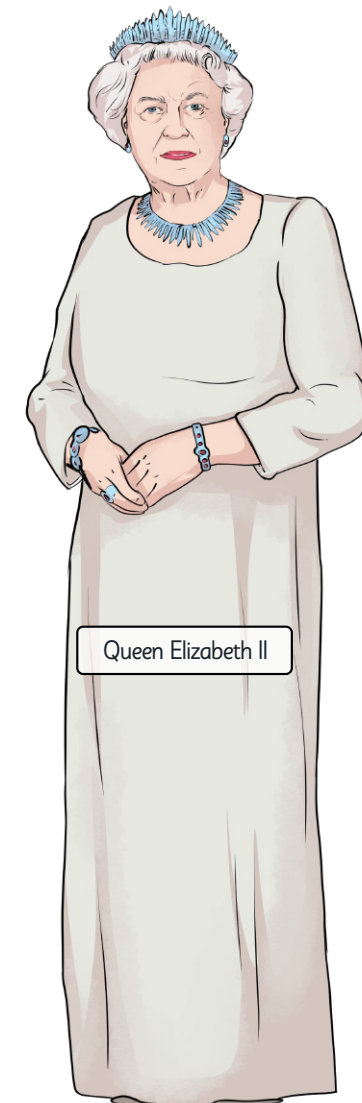


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The first castles built from wood aren't around today because...

wood can break and rot over time. The wooden castles got **old, burned** or **fell down**, so they didn't last.

Stone is a much **stronger material** that lasts longer than wood. This is why the castles still standing today are those made from stone.



Queen Elizabeth II

