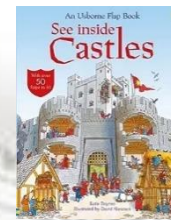
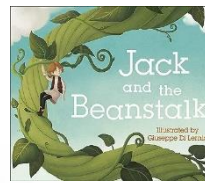
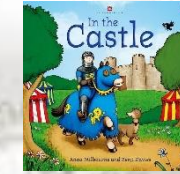


Castles and Knights

Who was King Alfred?



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Parts of a castle:

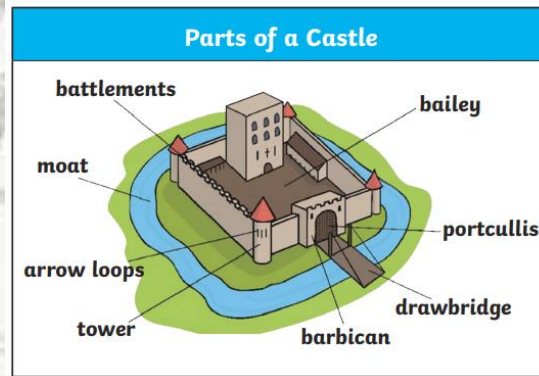
- The battlements provided cover for knights shooting arrows at enemies.
- The moat slowed enemies down who wanted to climb the castle walls.
- Towers were used to keep watch.
- Knights would shoot arrows through the arrow loops.
- The portcullis would come down and stop people entering the castle.
- The drawbridge would go down when people wanted to leave safely across the moat.

Sticky Knowledge



Who lived in a castle?

- Kings and Lords built them to protect them and their families.
- The castle was also home to cooks, servants, blacksmiths, jesters, knights, soldiers, squires and many more people who worked there.



Who was King Alfred?

- He was born in Berkshire in AD 849
- He became King of Wessex after a battle with the Vikings.
- He was known as King Alfred the Great.

He was the only English King to be known as 'The Great'.



- After many battles, he finally defeated the Vikings in AD 871.
- He agreed to share land with the Vikings to make peace.
- He loved learning and reading books.
- He introduced better laws for his people and built many forts.

Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
Castle	A large building designed to protect the people inside from attack.
Battles	A large fight between armies.
Battlements	Stones at the top of a castle wall for with openings to shoot through and raised sections to hide behind.
Moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle. Often filled with water.
Tower	A tall narrow building used as a look out to see enemies.
Portcullis	A strong, heavy spiked gate that can be raised and lowered to block the entrance.
Arrow loops	Thin windows in a castle which could be used to shoot arrows through.
Drawbridge	A bridge which can be raised and lowered over a castle moat.
Bailey	An area surrounded by the castle where the servants, knights/ soldiers lived.
Barbican	The tower above the drawbridge which would be patrolled by soldiers.

