



Key People and Events:

Key Vocabulary

Why was there an invasion of England in 1066?

When the Anglo Saxon King, Edward the Confessor, died on 5th January 1066 he did not have any heirs to the throne. There was a battle between 3 men who all wanted to be the next King of England.

Harold Godwinson



Harold's sister Edith married King Edward, making

him the old king's brother-in-law. When Edward the Confessor died, Harold was crowned the new King of England.

Harald Hardrada



Harald Hardrada of Norway was a Viking King. He began planning his own invasion of

England, as he also believed he had a rightful claim on the crown. Hardrada wanted to be King of England because he wanted more power and better land.

William of Normandy



William was the Duke of Normandy and he was a distant cousin of Edward the Confessor. He said that Edward had promised him the throne many years

ago. He decided that he was also going to invade Britain.

Vocabulary:	Definition:
chronology	Putting events in the order they happened.
source	Something that tells us what happened in history
Medieval	The period between 1066 - 1500.
castle	A large strong building, or group of buildings, designed to protect the people inside from attack.
Motte & Bailey Castle	A wooden castle built on a motte. These were the 1 st types of castles in England.
Stone Castle	A castle made out of stone.
Feudal System	How the people of England were organised socially.
Banquet	A large feast usually held in The Great Hall.

What was the Battle of Hastings?

The most important battle of the Norman Conquest was the Battle of Hastings. King Harold II (Godwinson) became King of the Anglo-Saxons after Edward the Confessor's death. During the battle, Harold II was killed by the Normans. This led to William the Conqueror, who was the Duke of Normandy, becoming the first Norman King of England. The Normans made their way to London and he was crowned at Westminster Abbey.

Battle of Hastings Timeline:

5th January 1066

King Edward of England, known as Edward the Confessor, dies.

6th January 1066

Harold Godwinson is crowned King of England.

27th September

William of Normandy and his army land at Pevensey in Sussex, on the south coast of England.

14th October 1066

The Battle of Hastings takes place. King Harold is killed, and William of Normandy has won.

25th December

William of Normandy, or William the Conqueror, is crowned King of England.

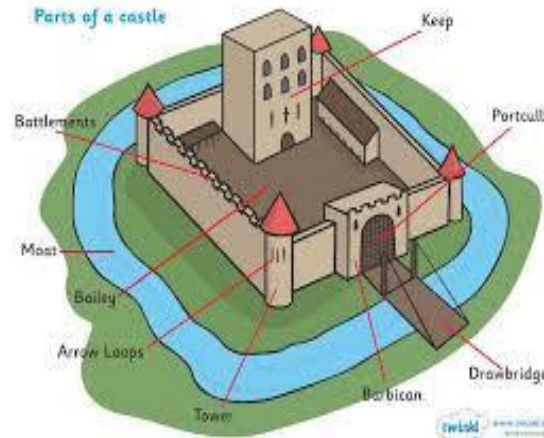
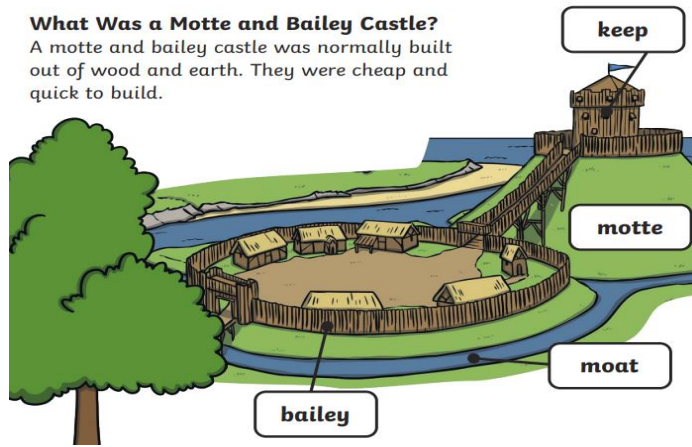
Key Knowledge:

Why were castles built in England?

William kept control by building castles throughout England. The earliest proper castles built in England were Motte and Bailey castles. They were built by the Normans following their invasion in 1066. The Normans came from France. These were eventually replaced by stone castles which were stronger and lasted longer.

What Was a Motte and Bailey Castle?

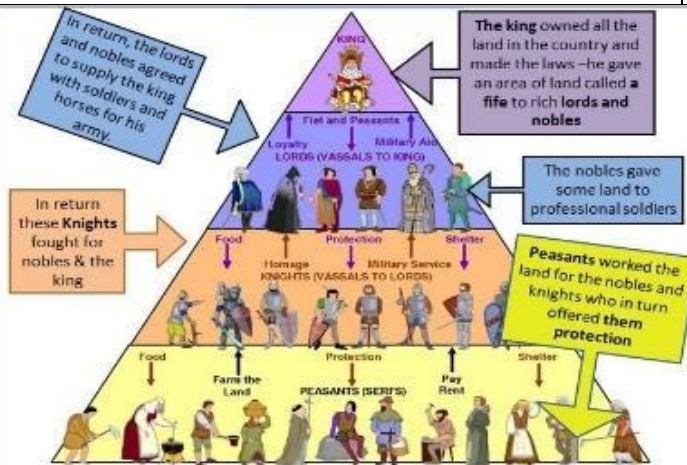
A motte and bailey castle was normally built out of wood and earth. They were cheap and quick to build.



Castle Vocabulary:

Vocabulary:	Definition:
motte	A tall steep sided mound on which the keep was built.
bailey	An area surrounded by a wooden fence, where soldiers and servants lived
keep	The strongest part of the castle. This was built on top of the motte and was often lived in by the owner of the castle.
barbican	Part of the outer defence of a castle. Used to help defend a gateway into a castle.
portcullis	A strong, heavy spiked barrier that can be lowered to block an entrance.
battlements	Found at the top of a castle's walls, with openings to shoot through and raised sections for protection.
moat	A deep, wide ditch surrounding a castle, often filled with water.
Arrow loops	A narrow vertical slit in a castle wall from which arrows could be fired.

What was the Feudal System?



What happened at a Medieval Banquet?

- A top table seated the King and important guests.
- The finest meats and fish were served.
- The banquet could last up to 4 hours.
- The table had a fine linen tablecloth, gold and silver cups and plates.
- There were no glasses or forks as they had not been invented.

Key Concepts

Vocabulary:	Definition:
invasion	People who enter an area and take control of it by force.
War/battle	When countries or other large groups of people use weapons to fight each other.
King/ ruler	The male ruler of a country.
Serf/ Peasant	Poor people who worked on the land in exchange for a place to live.

