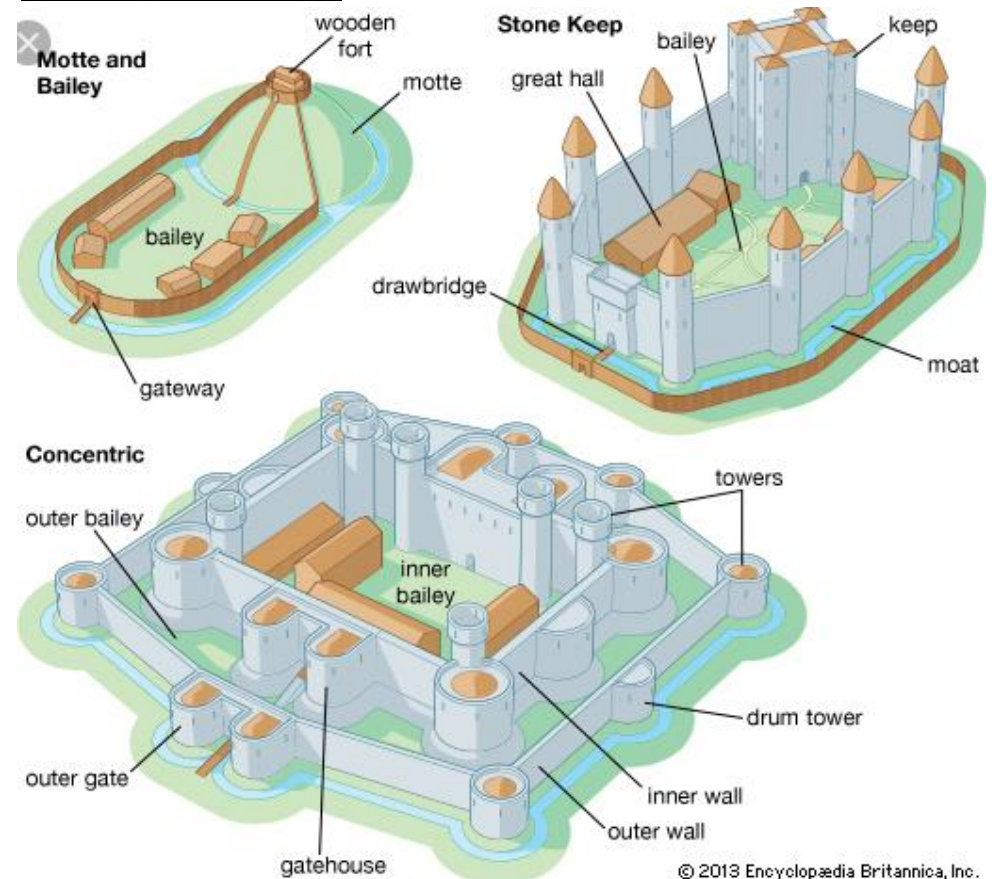


Knowledge Organiser **History** Castles

Key Vocabulary

Castle	A type of home that was built to protect the people inside.
Medieval	A period of time from the 11 th century to the 16 th century.
King/Queen	Male/Female ruler of a country.
Lord and Lady	Important people of high rank who run and own castles.
Battlements	The top of the castle wall with raised and lowered sections.
Portcullis	A strong iron gate that can be raised and lowered to block enemies.
Drawbridge	A bridge that can be lowered or raised to enter or exit a castle.
Moat	A deep ditch that surrounds a castle. It can be filled with or without water.
Turrets	A small tower built on the castle at the corner or on top of a larger tower.
Keep	A strong tower built within castles for defence.
Bailey	The outer wall of a castle.
Arrow Slits	A narrow vertical slit in the wall for shooting through.
Defend	Protect from harm or danger.
Attack	An aggressive and violent act against a person or place.
Siege	Cutting off essential supplies with the aim of making people inside the castle surrender.
Motte	A mound forming the site or a castle.

Three types of castle

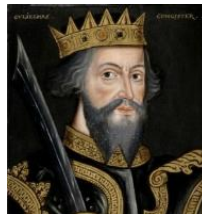


The Battle of Hastings



A battle fought in 1066 between the Norman-French army of William Duke of Normandy and an English army under the Anglo-Saxon King Harold.

William the Conqueror



William became the Duke of Normandy when he was just 8! He won the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and was crowned the King of England.

The Bayeux Tapestry



A medieval embroidery showing the events leading up to the Norman battle and the Battle of Hastings itself.