

Castles of Northumberland Year 4

Important Questions

- 1 Can you describe the common features of a castle?
- 2 How do we know about life in a castle? What sources could we use?
- 3 What was the significance of a castle on the local area?
- 4 How might life change for a locality if a castle was built there?
- 5 Why were the castles built in certain places?
- 6 When were the castles built?



Key Knowledge

Northumberland has many castles including, Dunstanburgh, Alnwick, Lindisfarne, Warkworth, Bamburgh and Chillingham.

They have all had an important role to play in the history of Northumberland.

A castle is a large, strong building built in the past by a ruler or important person to protect the people inside from attack. They were both a home and a fortress.

They were built to provide safety and protection from attack and to display the owner's rank and wealth.

Castles were often built on hilltops or surrounded by water to make them easier to defend.



Vocabulary

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| 1 | sources | Something that informs us about history and gives us clues in order to study history |
| 2 | significance | The importance of a thing or an action. |
| 3 | cause | A person or a thing that gives rise to an action. |
| 4 | moat | The water ditch surrounding the castle. |
| 5 | bailey | The ground around the keep, often called the courtyard. |
| 6 | keep | A strong tower in the centre of a castle. This is where the lord and his family lived. |
| 7 | Curtain walls | Thick walls which surround the castle with a few door to allow access. |

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