

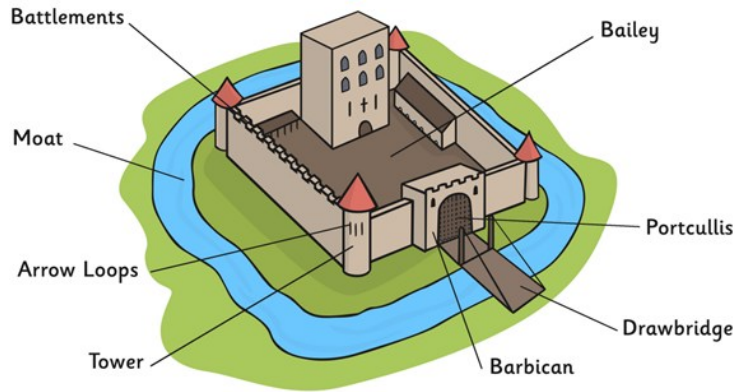
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Why were castles built?



William the Conqueror built many castles in England after he became King. He was worried that he would be attacked.

Parts of a Castle



Siege

The armies surrounded the castle so nobody could get in or out.

Trebuchet

A weapon that could throw heavy rocks over the castle walls.

Catapult

A weapon that could throw objects over or at castle walls.

Mining

Armies dug underneath the castle and lit fires.

Where were castles built?

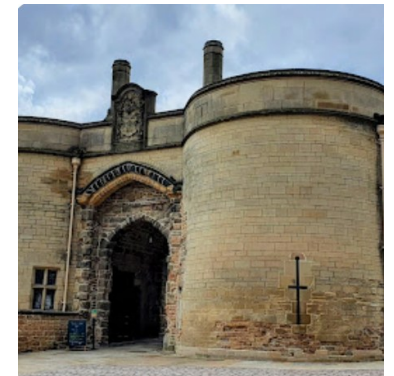
Castles were built mostly on hills or by the sea or by an important river.

Why?

On a hill, it is easier to defend, as they could see for miles and invading armies had to climb up the hills.

By the sea, they were easier to defend as armies would have to attack by boat.

Nottingham Castle



Battlements	Moat	Arrow Loops	Tower
Top of the castle wall—they look like	River around the castle.	Long, thin openings in the castle	Used for standing guard of the
Drawbridge	Portcullis	Bailey	Barbican
Bridge that can be raised or lowered.	Metal gate to protect the door.	The grounds inside the castle wall.	The outside defence of a castle.