



Year 2 Knowledge Organiser – Castles

1. What is a castle and who built them?		2. What are the key features of a castle?		3. How do you attack a castle?		4. Why don't people build castles anymore?		5. Does Nottingham have a castle?	
Castles were built to keep important people safe and control important parts of the country. The Normans led by King William (William the Conqueror) invaded England in 1066 and began to build castles to control the country. The first type of castles were Motte Bailey castles.		Most stone castle have many key features in common such as: • Turrets • Drawbridge		Castles were attacked in many different ways. Attacking the walls with a trebuchet. To either knock down or burn down the castle. A battering ram was used to knock down the door. Tunnelling under the walls to caused them to collapse. Surround and siege the castle as a way of starving the castle into surrendering.		Lords no longer needed to build castles as there were fewer attacks. Castles were destroyed after the civil war Castles were expensive. Castles were cold and dark.		Nottingham castle can be found in Nottingham City centre. We can still see some of its original features such as a gatehouse, thick walls and it is on a large hill. Nottingham Castle was blown up after the civil war so that it could not be used again by supporters of the King.	
Historical Skill: Chronology 		Historical Skill: Similarity and Difference 		Historical Skill: Cause and Consequence 		Historical Skill: Change and Continuity 		Historical Skill: Historical Significance 	
Key vocabulary: safety the normans william the conqueror motte and bailey invade attack		Key vocabulary: turrets barbican battlements moat keep		Key vocabulary: attacked trebuchet battering ram tunnelling surround siege		Key vocabulary: modern weapons destroy peace		Key vocabulary: original features Civil War	