

I already know...

There are similarities and differences between life in the past and life now.

Vocabulary

Battle of Hastings - a fight for the crown of England between William, Duke of Normandy, and Harold II.

Bayeux Tapestry - a long piece of cloth on which the events of the Battle of Hastings have been sewn.

keep - a tower built within a castle.

moat - a deep ditch surrounding a castle that is filled with water.

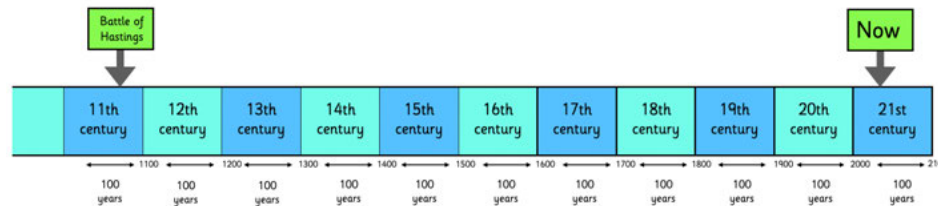
battlements - a wall around the top of the castle with spaces in it for weapons to be fired from.

drawbridge - a bridge that can be raised to protect a castle from attack.

portcullis - a strong iron gate that can be lowered in front of the entrance to the castle.

Timeline

The **Battle of Hastings** took place over 950 years ago. This is beyond living memory.



The **Battle of Hastings** was fought in the **11th century**, in the year **1066**. The success of William, Duke of Normandy, marked the start of **Norman Britain**.

Sources

We can use these **sources** to find out about castles in the past.



paintings



books



artefacts



historical sites

Enquiry questions

We can ask **questions**.

- How do we know about castles in the past?
- Why did William the Conqueror build castles?
- What are the advantages and disadvantages of a motte and bailey castle and a stone keep castle?
- What was life in a castle like?

Key Facts

- The **Normans** built the first castles in the UK.
- The first type of castle they built was made from wood and quick to build. This was a **motte and bailey** castle.
- Later, stronger castles were built using stone - these were called **stone keep** castles.
- The **feudal system** began in Norman era. Peasants worked the land for the their lords in exchange for a place to live and protection.

Enquiry skills

We can compare and contrast different types of castles:



motte and bailey castle



stone keep castle