

# Castles

History

Year 1/2

Lesson 2 of 6

Learning Objective		Resources	
To find out about UK castles that were built by the Normans.		Slides Worksheet 2A/2B/2C/2D/2E Fact Cards Information Sheet (FSD? activity only)	
Teaching Input			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Remind the children about the battle of Hastings, that William Duke of Normandy won and became known as William the Conqueror.</li><li>Explain that he had only conquered the south of England so he sent his armies to conquer the north. People kept rebelling so he built castles to keep his armies safe.</li><li>Show children the image of the wooden castle and the stone castle. Which castle would be easier to build? Which castle would be easier to defend?</li><li>Explain the Normans built wooden castles first, because they were quick to build. They are called ‘motte and bailey’ castles. Go through images and information on slides.</li><li>Explain when the Normans felt the rebelling had stopped they began building castles made of stone. These are called ‘keep and bailey’. Go through images and information on slides.</li><li>Show examples of Norman castles on the slides.</li></ul>			
Main Activity			
<u>Lower ability:</u>  Provide children with worksheet 2A and Fact Cards. Children stick the correct information by each castle.	<u>Middle ability:</u>  Provide children with worksheet 2B and ask them to decide what type of castle it is and name it. Children then write information explaining the differences between the castles. E.g. This castle is built from wood.	<u>Higher ability:</u>  Provide children with worksheet 2C and ask them to decide which castle was built first and name it. Children then write information explaining what the section of each castle is and what it was used for. E.g. Castles were built on mounds so they were high up. This meant the army could see attackers that were a long way away.	
Fancy something different...?			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide children with the Fact Sheet and worksheet 2D. Children read the information about the two types of Norman Castles and answer questions.</li><li>Children can then make their own quiz to test the knowledge of their friends on worksheet 2E.</li></ul>			
Plenary		Assessment Questions	
What was England like when William the Conqueror was king? Go through information on slides, starting with usage of castles. Would you rather live in England now or then? Children to use what they know to justify their answers.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can the children identify and name ‘motte and bailey’ castles and ‘keep and bailey’ castles?</li><li>Can the children find similarities and differences between the castles?</li><li>Can the children say why castles were important for the Norman invaders?</li></ul>	