



HURST CASTLE

Activity Sheets

Activity sheets for students to complete before, during or after their visit to Hurst Castle to get the most out of their learning.



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STONE MAKER'S MARK

Did you find it?



WHERE IS IT?

Tudor courtyard above the entrance to the ground floor.

DID YOU KNOW?

It was a long standing tradition for skilled craftsmen to record their contribution to a building.

IMAGINE

You are the stonemason for Hurst Castle – what would your mark be?

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FIREPLACE

Did you find it?



WHERE IS IT?

The Tudor central keep on the ground floor.

DID YOU KNOW?

This ground floor space was the living accommodation for the garrison (soldiers). The space would have been divided into smaller rooms, with a fireplace in each room.

LOOK

Can you find all four fireplaces in this space?

DISCUSS

What would the fireplaces have been used for?

Do you think it got cold in here?



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GARDEROBE

Did you find it?



WHERE IS IT?

The Tudor central keep on the first floor.

DID YOU KNOW?

Garderobe was the name for the castle toilet!

DISCUSS

This first-floor area is where they believe Charles I was held prisoner!

Do you think he liked his room?



7 THE ISLE OF WIGHT

Did you find it?

WHERE IS IT?

Go up to the roof of the Tudor central keep.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Isle of Wight is three-quarters of a mile from Hurst Castle.

DISCUSS

Do you think this was a good place to build a castle?
How would the enemy have come to England to invade us?
Do you think the guns were up here on the roof?

8 BASEMENT

Did you find it?

WHERE IS IT?

Basement of the Tudor central keep.

DID YOU KNOW?

The basement was used for storing food, water, fuel and ammunitions.

DISCUSS

Do you think it was a good place for storing food in the height of summer?
Why?



9 CURTAIN WALL

Did you find it?

WHERE IS IT?

Go back to the courtyard in the Tudor central keep.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Keep and courtyard are surrounded by tall thick curtain walls like a strong shield.

DISCUSS

Do you think a curtain wall is a good idea in a castle?
There were few doors built in the curtain wall – why do you think this was?

EXPLORE THE TUDOR CASTLE

See if you can find all of these things in Hurst Castle. Tick each one of as you find it.

1.
BLANK PLAQUE



2.
PORTCULLIS



3.
THE KEEP



4.
STONE MAKER'S MARK



5.
FIREPLACE



6.
GARDEROBE



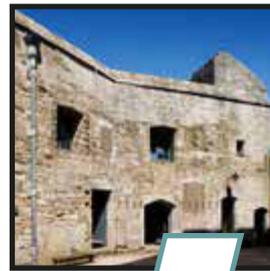
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THE ISLE OF WIGHT



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BASEMENT



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CURTAIN WALL



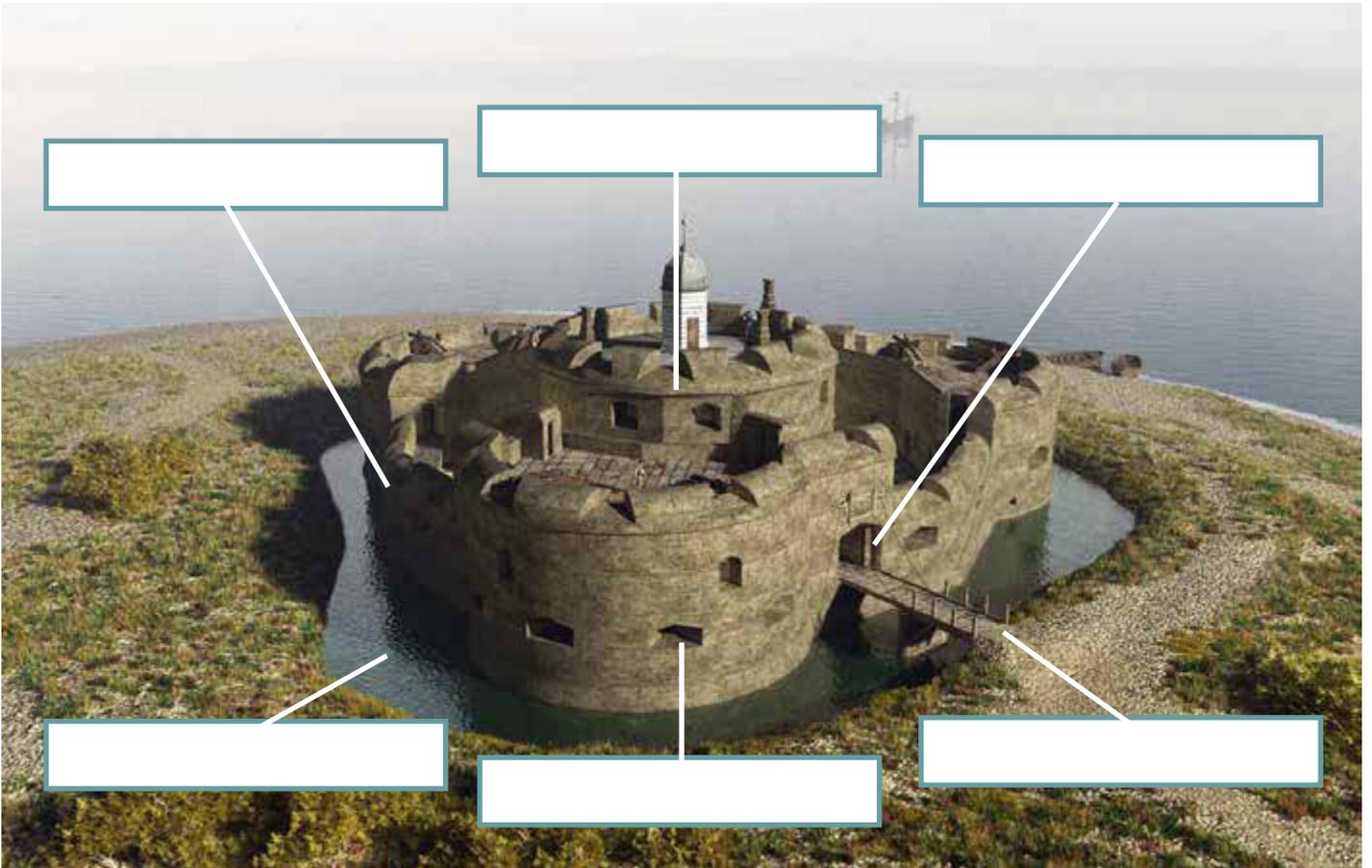
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BASTION



This is what Hurst Castle would have looked like when it was built by Henry VIII in 1544 in Tudor times.

There are a whole range of special words connected to castles.

Can you insert the right words from the list below?



curtain wall

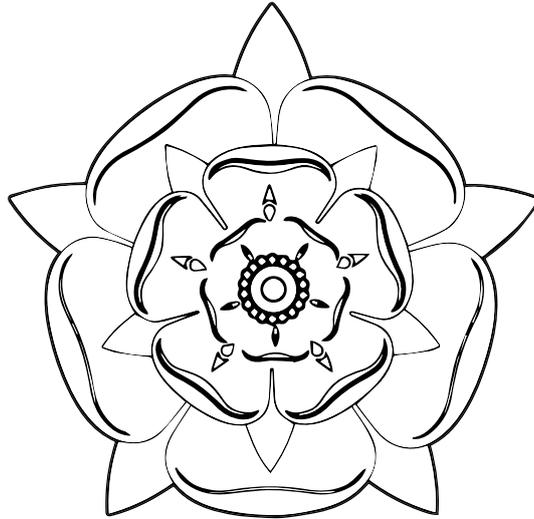
drawbridge

moat

the keep

portcullis

bastion

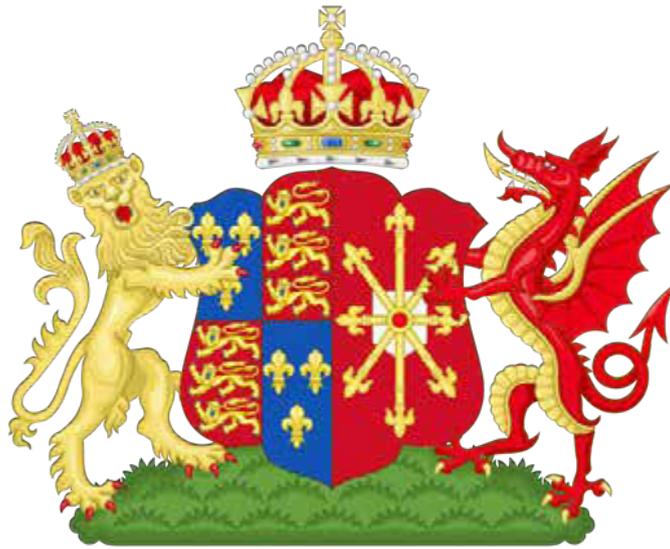


I think the best thing to see in Hurst Castle is:

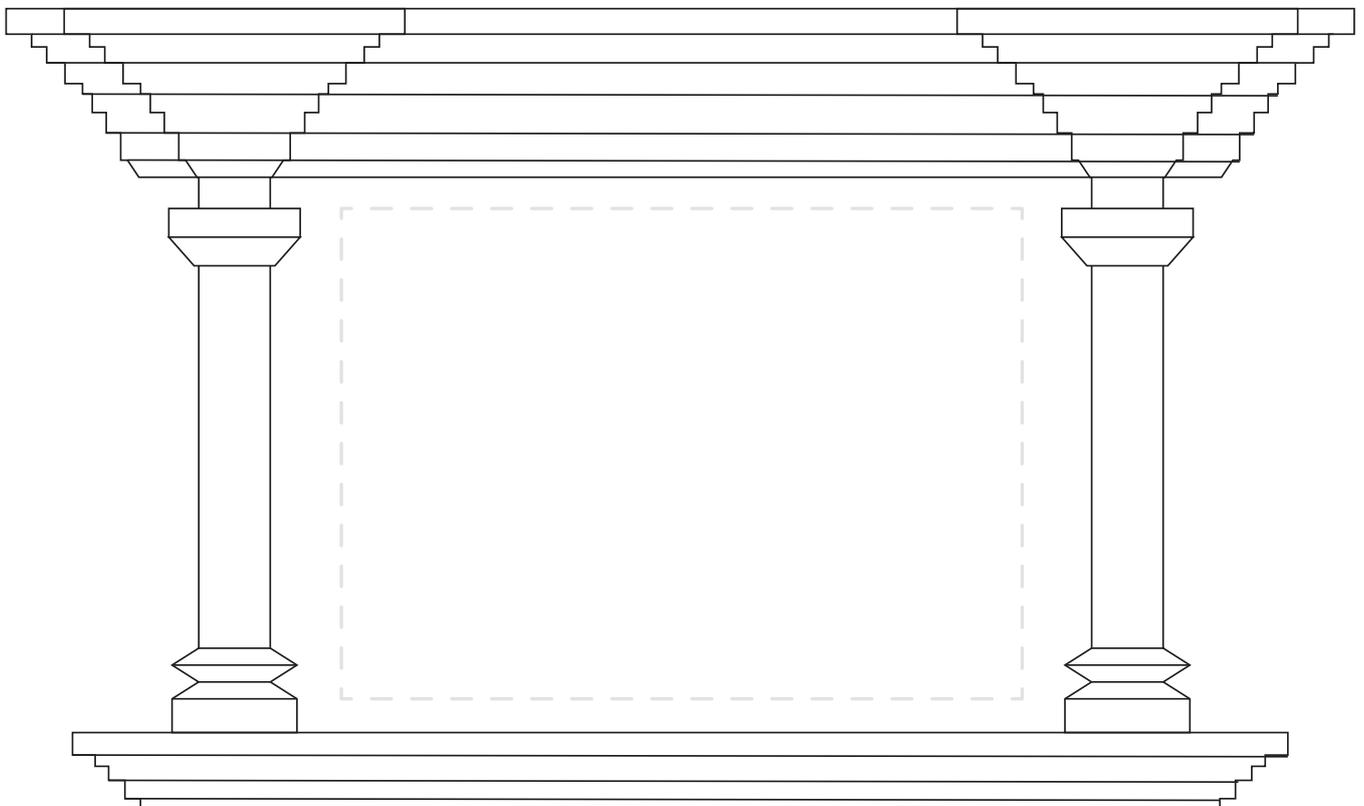
The most interesting things I've learnt today is:

I want to know more about:

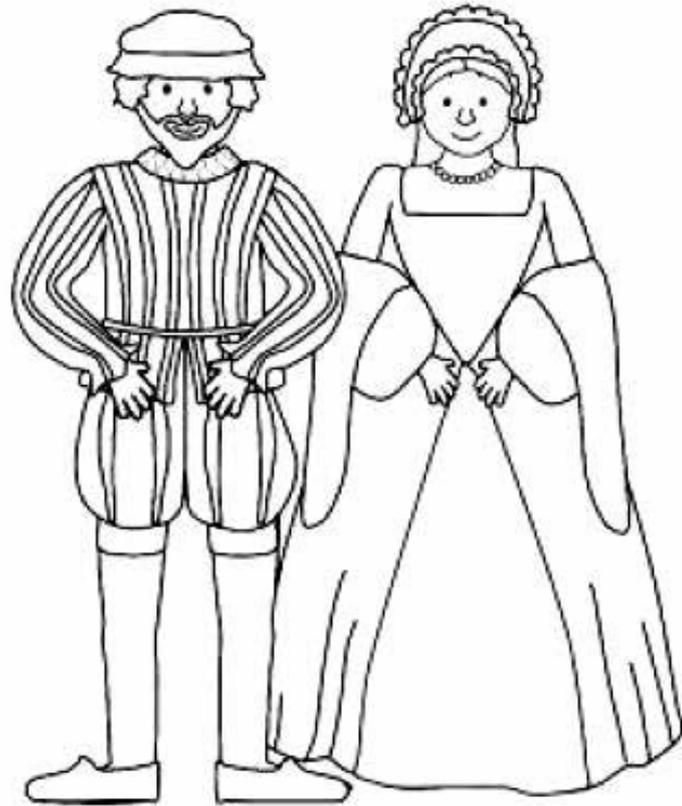
To complete this task please colour in the Tudor Rose.

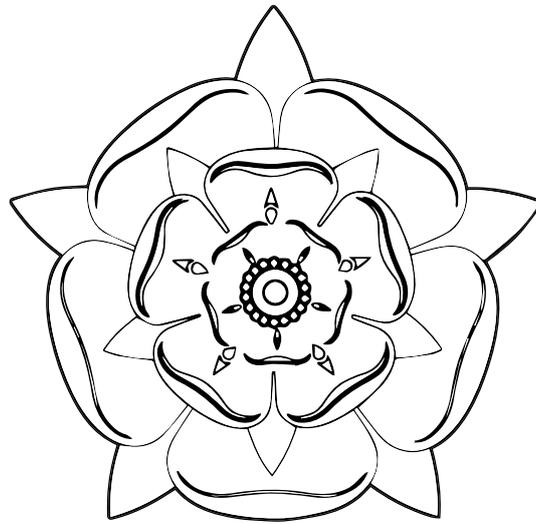


This was Henry VIII's coat of arms.
Now its your turn to design your own coat of arms.



The Tudors





To the Captain of the Castle

I would like to apply for the job of: cook soldier cleaner (circle which one)

I think I would be good at this job because:

Name 5 things you would do in this job at Hurst Castle:

- This drawing is what Hurst Castle would have looked like when it was built by Henry VIII in 1544.
- Hurst Castle was built to hold an army whose job was to protect this part of the English coastline from invasion from France and Spain.
- It would have had a lead-covered wooden roof, a drawbridge and a moat.
A moat is a wide, water filled ditch that surrounds a castle to stop the enemy getting in.

Look at the drawing - to protect the central Keep there are three bastions (part of the outer wall which stick out) which are all linked up by the curtain wall (the thinner bits of the outer wall) and then they are surrounded by the moat. The only door in was by the drawbridge.



Activity:

1) Do you think Henry VIII chose a good place to put Hurst Castle? Why was the castle built here?

2) Do you think the Tudor Castle was designed well? Give 3 reasons for your answer.

3) Look at the drawing - what was designed and built to stop or slow down the enemy from getting into the Hurst Castle? Can you list 3 things?

Have a go at our Tudor quiz, tick the box against your correct answer. Good luck!

1) Who was King or Queen of England when Hurst Castle was built

- a) Henry V
- b) Henry VIII
- c) Victoria

2) In which period was Hurst Castle built?

- a) Roman
- b) Tudor
- c) Medieval

3) Why was Hurst Castle built? To be a:

- a) Royal residence
- b) Hotel
- c) Fortress

4) Who were the people living in Hurst Castle?

- a) Royalty
- b) The Garrison
- c) Nuns

5) What used to surround Hurst Castle to stop you being able to walk in?

- a) Trees
- b) Moat
- c) Sand

6) What is the name of the grille/gate that can prevent you from entering Hurst Castle?

- a) Gateway
- b) Portcullis
- c) Patio door

7) What is the name given to the tower in the centre of Hurst Castle?

- a) The Turret
- b) The Steeple
- c) The Keep

8) What is a Garderobe?

- a) Dressing gown
- b) Toilet
- c) Kitchen

9) What was stored in the basement?

- a) Handbags
- b) Horses
- c) Food

10) How do you think the enemy would have got to the castle?

- a) Trains
- b) Tanks
- c) Boats