

Junior History – Castles and Epic Battles

Purpose of study

This course is designed for students aged 8 and over. It introduces them to the History topic of 'Castles and Epic Battles' – looking at famous British Battles and Castles.

This course also allows students to engage in 'active learning', by making their very own Castle during the course. Every day the homework will be to start building their castle.

Lesson	Title	Description
One	Castles	A castle (from Latin: <i>castellum</i>) is a type of fortified structure built during the Middle Ages by predominantly the nobility or royalty and by military orders. We will look at how they are built, who lived in them and the hierarchy.
Two	Life in a Castle	Life in a castle. Looking at the day to day life of the people who lived in a castle in the middle ages. From the rich owner to the poorest servant.
Three	The Siege of Kenilworth Castle 1266	<p>Although there have been plenty of English castles over the years, Kenilworth Castle and its unique history stand out among them. Over its entire lifetime, the castle housed romantic drama worthy of a Jane Austen novel as well as effective defences that were anything but romantic.</p> <p>It's hard to mention the Siege of Kenilworth without mentioning the Magna Carta (1215). The Magna Carta is one of those things that history books always have to mention. It was famous for being ahead of its time by limiting powers of a monarchy</p>
Four	Bamburgh Castle	Royal Fortress, Norman Stronghold and Coastal Home – Bamburgh Castle has stood guard above the spectacular Northumberland coastline for over 1,400 years. Spanning nine acres of land on its rocky plateau. Bamburgh Castle is one of the largest inhabited castles in the United Kingdom.
Five	Windsor Castle	<p>Windsor Castle in Berkshire is one of the most famous castles in England as it is both the royal home of the Queen, and one of the largest and most occupied castles in the world.</p> <p>Founded by William the Conqueror following the Norman invasion of England, the castle has a royal history that extends back over 900 years, and is said to have housed 39 monarchs since it was built in the 11th century. The original medieval structure was reinvented over the centuries with Georgian and Victorian flourishes and houses a number of priceless paintings and original architectural features such as the grand Ballroom.</p>