



Knights, Castles and Dragons Topic Fact Sheet

Castles	Castles are a type of home that were built to protect the people inside. People who lived in the castle included rulers like lords and kings, as well as soldiers who would defend it from enemy invaders.
Knight	In the Middle Ages, knights were armoured soldiers who fought for their lord or king.
Dragon	A dragon is an imaginary animal that appears in stories. Dragons often have scaly skin, sharp teeth, four legs with long claws, and a long tail.
Shield	A shield is a piece of protective armour made from a tough material. It is worn on a knights' forearm to protect them from blows from hand weapons and missiles.
Armour	Armour was a protective item of clothing made of steel which knights wore during battle.
Middle Ages	The Middle Ages, or Medieval Times, in Europe was a long period of history from 500 AD to 1500 AD. That's 1000 years!
Sword	A weapon that has a long blade, usually with a sharp point and edge.
Battle of Hastings	The battle took place on the 14 October 1066. It was fought between William of Normandy and King Harold – the King of England – and it was the English throne that was at stake.
Battle	A battle is a fight between two armed persons or forces during a war.
Coats of Arms	A coat of arms is a unique design with symbols and figures painted on a shield. These designs may be inherited, meaning that they pass from a father to his children.
Lance	A lance is a weapon with a long handle and a sharp steel head used by knights on horseback.
William the Conqueror	William the Conqueror was one of the most famous kings in England's history. He won the Battle of Hastings with the help of his massive army.
Anglo Saxons	The Anglo Saxons settled in Britain. They lived in huts made of wood and roofs thatched with straw.



William the Conqueror travelled from France and invaded England.



This is the coat of arms for the United Kingdom.



Warwick Castle is a medieval castle developed from a wooden fort, originally built by William the Conqueror during 1068.



A knight covered in steel armour, to protect himself when fighting in battles.



Dragons are mythical creatures.



Lances are used as a weapon by a knight on horseback.