Best of British

What was it like to live in a medieval castle in Britain and how does this compare to our lives today?

1. What is a monarch and why are they important to Britain?

A monarch is the King or Queen.





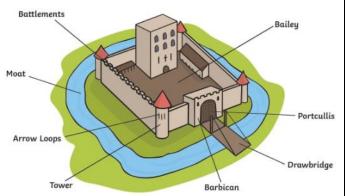
Key people: St George, King John and Queen Elizabeth II and King Charles III



Significance

Chronology

3. What were castles and why were they important?



Castles protected people who lived in them. **Significance**

5. How has the role of the monarch changed between medieval times and now?

King John was just one Medieval king.



King John (who was not a very nice king!) was forced to sign the **Magna Carta**. This reduced the **monarch's** power.

Continuity and change

Castles and knights Day

Tournaments and feasts in medieval Britain may include jousts, medieval games (e.g. quoits) and dancing.

Coat of arms helped identify families and noblemen.

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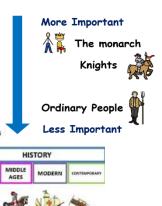
Chronology: 1199 - 2022

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2. Who lived in medieval Britain?

Knights may have been the people who lived in the castles or worked for the people in the castles. People had to pay to train to be knights.

PRE-HISTORY



Similarities and differences

4. Was it only kings, queens and knights who lived in castles?



Noblemen had a castle with land and people to protect.

Peasants who work in the **castles** include: cooks, gardeners, candlemaker, carpenter, messenger and watchman.

Similarities and differences

6. How has the role of the monarch changed between medieval times and now?

Queen Elizabeth is the longest ruling **monarch** in British history.

The current **monarch** of Britain is King Charles III.

