

Year 1: Kings, Queens and Castles

Key Vocabulary

battlements	the top part of a castle wall, with regularly spaced square
coronation	The ceremony of crowning a king or queen
defend	to protect or resist an attack from an enemy
drawbridge	a bridge over a moat that can be raised and lowered to allow entry or not
moat	Water that surrounds a castle
monarch	A sole ruler such as a king, queen or emperor
monument	A statue or other structure to celebrate a notable person or
reign	The length of time that a king or queen rules
significant	Something or somebody of great importance

How can we find out about the past?

Talk to people from the time Read information books Look at photographs Search the internet



Visit museums

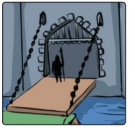
Watch video clips

Look at objects from the past



Why did monarchs build castles?

- Built for important people, their families and servants.
- Built to protect important people from attack.
- Built on a hill so attackers could be seen.
- Often very big. This was to show how much money the important person had.
- Designed to launch weapons to attack the enemy.



Who were some of the kings and queens of the past?



King William I
1066



Queen Elizabeth I
1558



Queen Victoria
1837



Queen Elizabeth II
1952



King Charles
2022

492 years before that

279 years before that

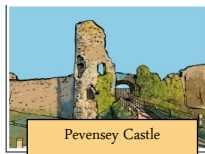
115 years before that

70 years ago from the present day

Monarchs today live in many of the same castles and palaces that were built many years ago.

These castles are no longer used to protect the monarch.

Where have kings and queens lived through time?



Pevensey Castle



Hastings Castle

King William I built many castles to protect himself and his people.



Greenwich Palace



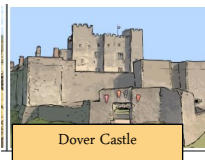
Hatfield Palace

Queen Elizabeth I lived in different palaces throughout her life.



Buckingham Palace

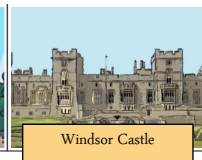
Queen Victoria was the first of the royal family to live at Buckingham Palace.



Dover Castle



The Tower of London



Windsor Castle



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Richmond Palace

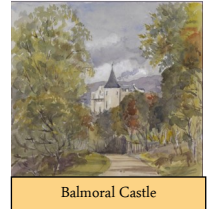


Whitehall Palace

Before she became queen, she lived at Kensington Palace.



Kensington Palace



Balmoral Castle

Balmoral Castle was built as a holiday home for Queen Victoria.