



Knights and Castles

1 What name is given to the period of time from the year 950 until 1500?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1

2 What were the two main purposes of a castle?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.3

3 When did castles start to be built from stone?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1

4 Why were arrowslits narrow?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.3

5 How did moats help protect a castle?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.3

6 How were knights expected to treat women and children, according to the code of chivalry?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.4.1

7 On page 27, what does the heading “Real hero or legend?” tell us about Tomoe Gozen?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.7

8 Which country did Joan of Arc live in?

Common Core State Standards (Reading: Informational text): RI.3.1

9 What is a siege?

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10 Which castle shown in the book would you most like to visit? Why?

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Answers

- 1 The Middle Ages
- 2 to show power; to protect people
- 3 from about 1100
- 4 so the attackers could not shoot arrows through them easily from a distance
- 5 They were full of water, which made it hard for enemies to cross over to the castle.
- 6 They should be kind to women and children.
- 7 That no one is sure if the stories about her are true or not.
- 8 France
- 9 a situation where attackers stop anyone from going in or coming out of a castle, so the people in the castle have to survive on the supplies they already have inside, and defend themselves from the castle walls
- 10 Answers will vary.