

WARWICK CASTLE



Key stage 1&2
NORMAN INVASION
The Castle's Beginnings



1421

Earl of Warwick supervises trial of Joan of Arc

1445

Henry de Beauchamp becomes Duke of Warwick

1449

Richard Neville becomes Earl of Warwick

1471

Richard Neville (Kingmaker), dies at the Battle of Barnet

1478

George, Duke of Clarence imprisoned and killed

1540

Further development at the Castle - including a new roof for kitchens and building of the spy tower.



The Earls of Warwick



De Newburgh



Duplessis



Maudult



De Beachamp



Neville



Plantagenet



Dudley



Rich



Greville

Teacher notes

Norman Invasion

THE CASTLE'S BEGINNINGS

This section focuses on the Mound, the oldest part of the Castle where a Motte and Bailey structure once stood. It was built in 1068 on the orders of William the Conqueror. The Castle would have controlled the River Avon and a major supply road, the remains of the bridge can be seen past the Mill, and had a commanding view of the surrounding area. Highlight to your pupils that the stone walls and the main house that they now see would not have been there along with the majority of the trees in the area.

PRE VISIT ACTIVITIES:

- Explore the events of 1066.
- Explore how William the Conqueror and the Normans secured their control over England. In particular the use of the Motte and Bailey Castle which was originally built at Warwick Castle.

DURING THE VISIT:

- **Worksheet 1:** ask your pupils to make notes on what made the area an ideal location for a castle.

POST VISIT:

- **Creative writing:** the pupils are part of William the Conqueror's Commission to site new castles. They need to write a short report explaining why Warwick's location is a suitable site. They can also include what the Castle should look like based on what they have learnt about Motte and Bailey structures.
- **Design and Technology/Art:** either as individuals or in groups, create models of what the Motte and Bailey castle may have looked like. We would welcome any pictures of the creations!





The Castle's Beginnings

What makes this area an ideal location for a Castle?

