




DEFENDING A CASTLE

Quiz

1. What is the first thing that must be considered before building a castle?
 2. What is the first defence at Warwick castle that an attacking army would encounter?
 3. What name is given to the strong walls of a castle?
 4. What is the name of the area at the top of the castle walls where the defenders would stand?
 5. In this area you will arrow loops, who would use these and why are they shaped like a cross?
 6. What are machicolations used for?
 7. In which direction would you be going if you were to climb the spiral staircase in a tower?
 8. Why were people in the middle ages forced to be right-handed?
 9. What is the name given to the front door of Warwick castle?
 10. What would the attackers need to pull down before reaching the castle entrance?
 11. Why is a portcullis clad in iron?
 12. After an attacker has got through the portcullis he will be bombarded from above by holes in the ceiling. What are these holes called?
 13. The castle wall has a hard-outer surface and a softer inner cavity, how does this inner cavity help to protect the wall?
 14. Why would it be difficult to use scaling ladders at Warwick castle?
 15. Why will you sometimes find a higher step when climbing a tower?
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