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THROWING ARM
TREBUCHET

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COUNTER WEIGHT
INVADE
MEDIEVAL





TREBUCHET ACTIVITY



Visit <u>www.warwick-castle.com</u> to find out some fun facts about our trebuchet and complete the quiz below.

- 1. Trebuchets were made to catapult objects like large rocks and stones, to help breach castle walls. How heavy could those rocks and stones be?
- 2. The Warwick Castle trebuchet is a replica, based on designs from the 13th and 14th centuries. In what year was the Warwick Castle trebuchet made?
- 3. Other than large rocks and stones, what else was often used to fire at the enemy?
- 4. Trebuchet Masters were known as 'Gynours' for their knowledge of maths and physics, but how many men would it take to operate and fire a trebuchet of this size during battle?
- 5. During a large attack, how quickly could the trebuchet be re-loaded, ready for firing?









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Up to 90 kilograms

2. The Warwick Castle trebuchet is a replica, based on designs from the 13th and 14th centuries. In what year was the Warwick Castle trebuchet made?

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3. Other than large rocks and stones, what else was often used to fire at the enemy?

Dead animals, sewage, flammable materials and body parts

4. Trebuchet Masters were known as 'Gynours' for their knowledge of maths and physics, but how many men would it take to operate and fire a trebuchet of this size during battle?

Up to 12 men

5. During a large attack, how quickly could the trebuchet be re-loaded, ready for firing?



Every six minutes

