



## WARWICK CASTLE RAISES THE PORTCULLIS ON HISTORY WITH FREE ONLINE RESOURCES

A screenshot of the Warwick Castle website's 'LEARNING RESOURCES' section. The page has a dark blue header with the Warwick Castle logo on the left and navigation links: 'Tickets &amp; Passes', 'Stay Overnight', 'Explore', 'Plan your day', and 'Book now'. Below the header, the 'LEARNING RESOURCES' section is displayed on a light grey background. It contains four white cards, each with a photograph of the castle and a red 'Download Now' button. The cards are: 1. 'ATTACKING A CASTLE - HISTORY RESOURCE' with a photo of a castle tower and the text 'How did medieval armies attack a castle, and why?'; 2. 'DEFENDING A CASTLE - HISTORY RESOURCE' with a photo of a castle tower and the text 'How did a castle's design help defend it from attack?'; 3. 'QUIZ - DEFENDING A CASTLE' with a photo of a castle and the text 'Download this quiz on Defending a Castle and test your knowledge!'; 4. 'QUIZ ANSWERS - DEFENDING A CASTLE' with a photo of a castle and the text 'Check your answers - did you get them all?'.

6 April 2020: History experts at Warwick Castle have developed a range of free resources to support families across the UK with fun and educational activities.

From printable colouring sheets, word searches and quizzes to videos that explain key periods in the castle's almost-1000-year history, the new *History Unlocked* section at [www.warwick-castle.com/history-unlocked](http://www.warwick-castle.com/history-unlocked) hosts a wide range of resources, activities and downloadables, all available for free.

Videos include a virtual tour from the castle's history team, explaining how it is designed to defend against attack, and outlines from Head of Historical Interpretation, Melissa Perry, detailing interesting facts and stories from the castle's history.

The online activity pages and printables are suitable for a wide range of ages, from pre-school to Key Stage 3.

“Our focus is to try and support the community as much as possible during this difficult time,” explains Nick Blofeld, Divisional Director at Warwick Castle.

“We hope these resources provide some interesting insight into the castle, as well as educational fun for families whilst they are currently unable to experience the castle in person.”

Parents whose children are trying out the new resources are encouraged to show off the results of their activities on social media, tagging @warwickcastleofficial to share the fun with families around the world.

The first of the History Unlocked resources, along with further information on the history of Warwick Castle, are available now at [www.warwick-castle.com/history-unlocked](http://www.warwick-castle.com/history-unlocked) with more activities to be added over the coming weeks.

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**Warwick Castle**

Warwick Castle is currently closed to visitors. Full details can be found at: <https://www.warwick-castle.com/about/coronavirus/>

Warwick Castle is easily accessible from Junction 15 of the M40, just 40 minutes from Birmingham and 1 hour 40 minutes from London. Warwick Castle is easy to reach by train from London Marylebone in only 86 minutes. The Castle, set in 64 acres of grounds designed by Capability Brown, rests on the banks of the River Avon at the heart of historic Warwick.

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