

Castles

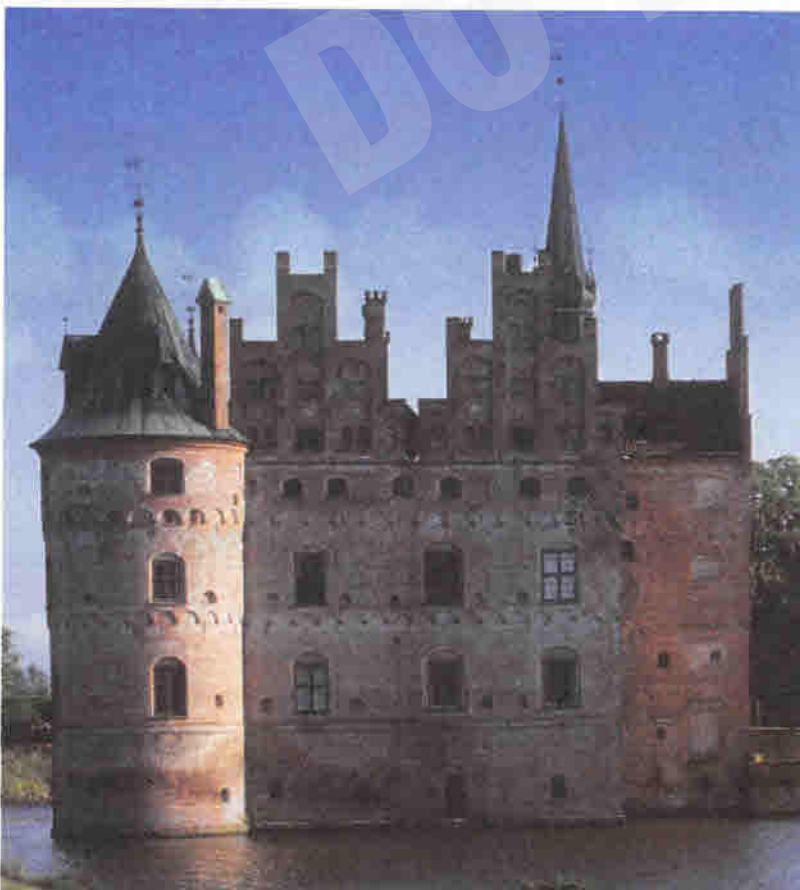
What do you already know about castles?

Why do castles have walls?

¹ Have you ever seen a castle without walls? They all seem to have them, don't they? The walls are for protection. At least, they used to be. Hundreds of years ago, the main reason for building a castle was to protect yourself from your enemies.

Why do castle walls have notches?

² What if your enemies attacked you? You couldn't just hide. You probably had to fight back. So you sent your knights or the townspeople up to the walls. They may have had rocks to throw or arrows to shoot. Either way, they took aim through the openings, or the lower parts of the notches. They stood behind the higher parts of the notches to protect themselves from whatever the enemy was throwing or shooting back up at them.



1. How are castles different from our homes? List some ways.

Castles

Walls _____

Purpose _____

Our Homes

Walls _____

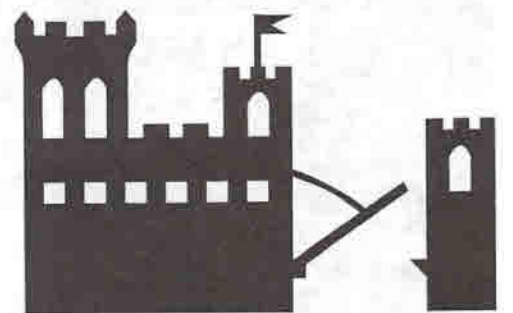
Purpose _____

2. Imagine that you are standing on the wall of the castle shown on page 102. Describe what you see.

3. What is the main reason that castles were first built?

4. Do you think that castles are still built today? Why or why not?

5. How were the notches in castle walls used?



6. People used _____ and _____ as weapons.