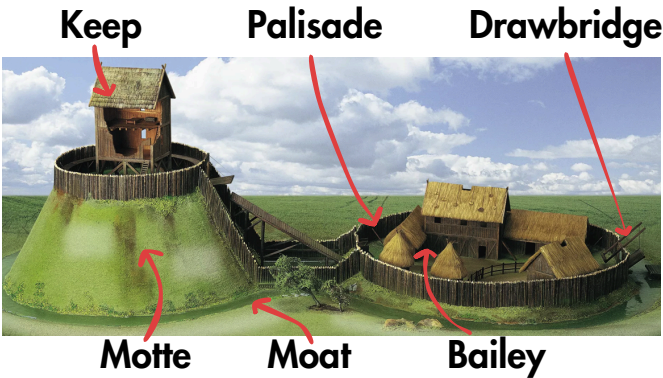


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EARLY CASTLES

Early castles were called **Motte and Bailey** castles.



The motte was the mound of earth that the keep sat on top of. Motte and Bailey castles usually had a ditch or a moat that ran around it. They also had protective wooden posts around it called a palisade. There were approximately 1000 Motte and Bailey castles built in England by the Normans.



Motte and Bailey castles were ordered to be built by William I. He wanted to protect the lands he ruled over.

HOW CASTLES CHANGED

Wood could catch on fire easily so castles changed their walls to be made of stone.

Stone Keep Castles



Over time, the Normans needed to change their design because:



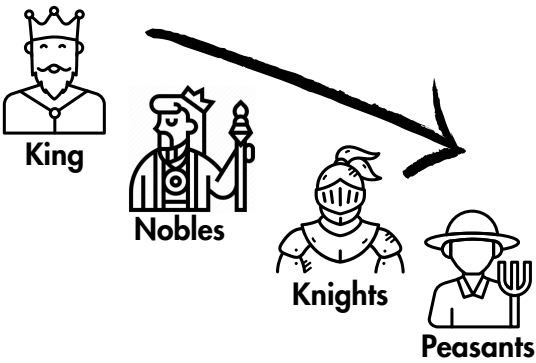
Concentric Castles



Castles began using this circular (concentric) design to add extra layers of defence.

THE NORMAN FEUDAL SYSTEM

Kings ruled above all. However, those of nobility, like lords, could have power over lands in the name of the king.



As a peasant, you would work in the bailey. Some of the jobs you could have included:



CASTLE DEFENCES

Castles had many ways to protect themselves from a siege!

