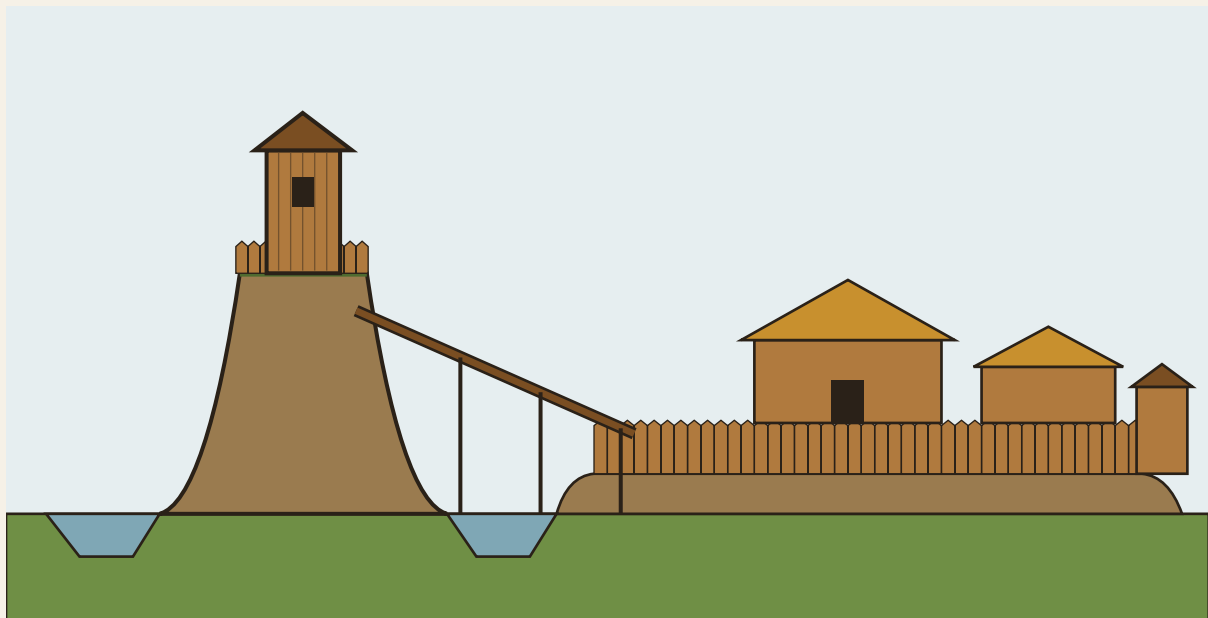


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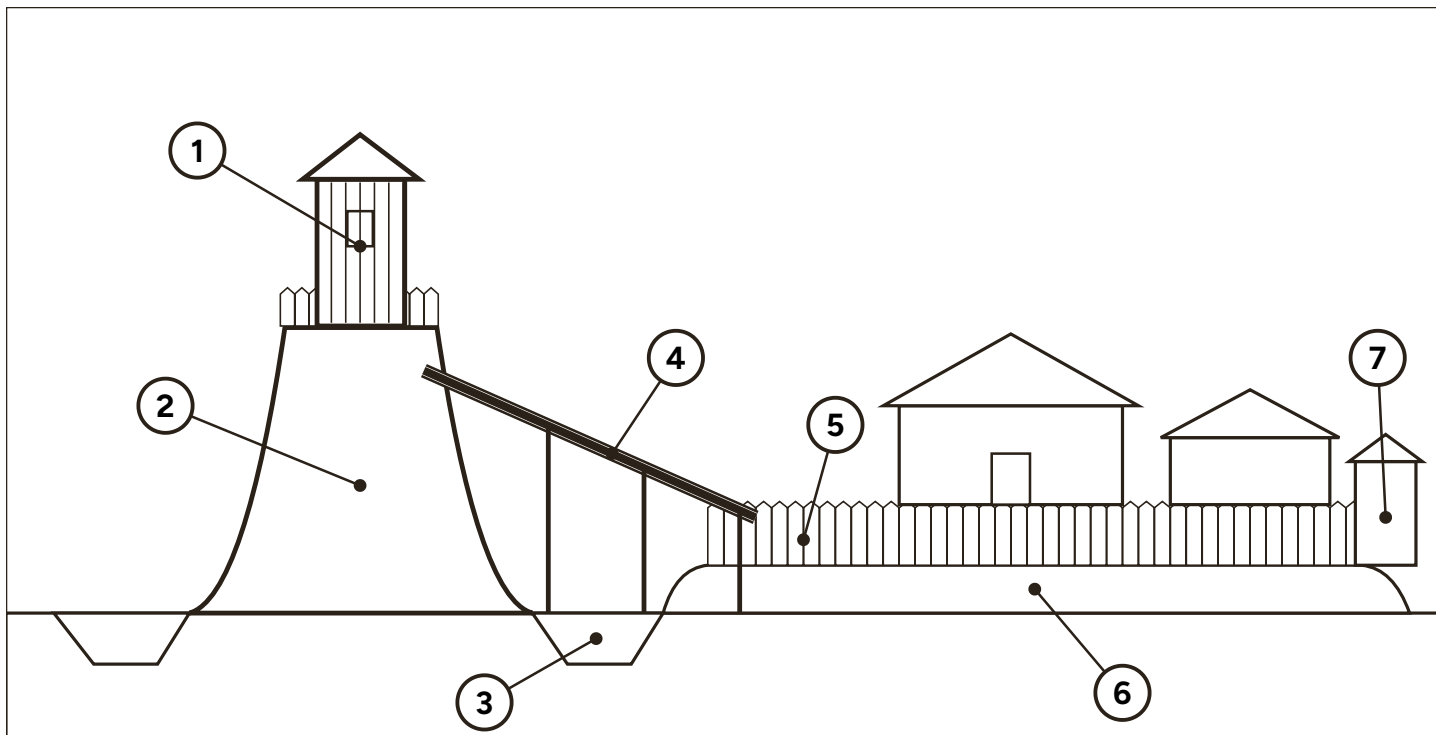
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FROM THE KS2 TOPIC PACK

Label the castle

From the KS2 Topic Pack. Answers: 1. tower · 2. motte · 3. ditch · 4. bridge · 5. palisade · 6. bailey · 7. gate



A motte-and-bailey castle from the side. Our own simplified drawing, not to scale, not a copy of any real castle, site plan or the Bayeux Tapestry.

Word bank: bailey · bridge · ditch · gate · motte · palisade · tower

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FROM THE POSTER SET

The motte-and-bailey timeline

From 10th-century France to 1925

10TH CENTURY

Strongholds in France are built with a high mound circled by a ditch (Britannica)

1066

William builds a castle at Hastings before the battle (English Heritage)

14 OCTOBER 1066

The Battle of Hastings (Bayeux Museum)

1068

William marches north and builds a castle at York (English Heritage)

ABOUT 1070

Robert of Mortain builds a timber castle at Berkhamsted (English Heritage)

ABOUT 1078

William the Conqueror begins the White Tower in London (Britannica)

1086

Launceston is listed in Domesday Book (English Heritage)

1111

Domen Castell, Welshpool: a native Welsh castle recorded (Cadw)

1121

Norham motte-and-bailey castle is founded by Bishop Flambard (English Heritage)

1135

The Anarchy: civil war between Stephen and Matilda begins (English Heritage)

1147

Wiston Castle first appears in documents (Cadw)

ABOUT 1150

Freskin builds Duffus Castle (Historic Environment Scotland)

1216

Prince Louis of France besieges Berkhamsted (English Heritage)

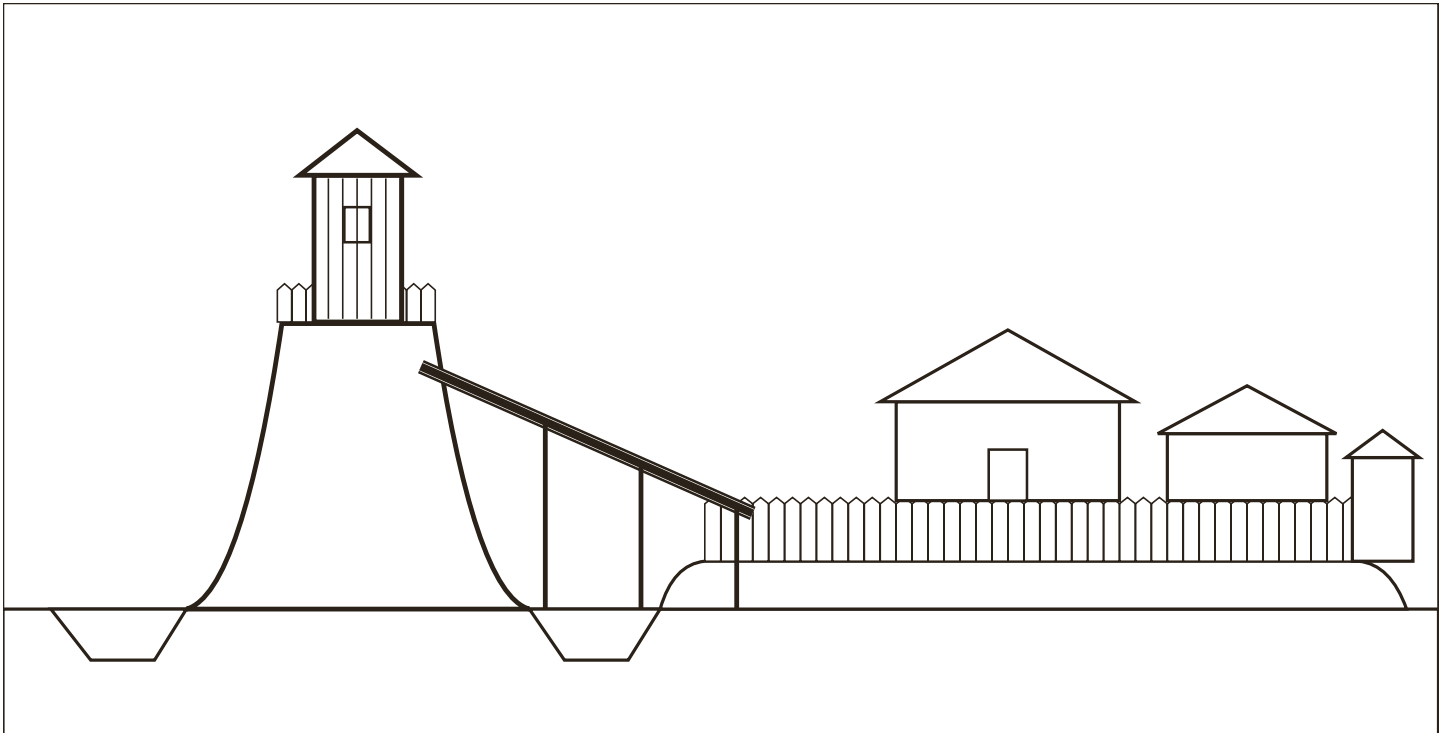
1925

Duffus is taken into state care (Historic Environment Scotland)

FROM THE FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

A motte-and-bailey castle

The tower on the mound, the bailey beside it



The tower was mainly a watchtower, a firing post and a last refuge in an attack. In quieter times, nobles lived in a timber hall nearby.

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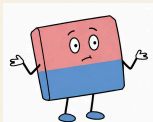
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