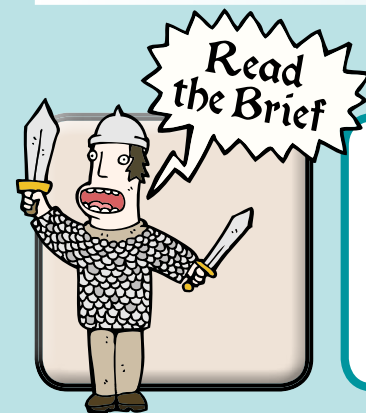
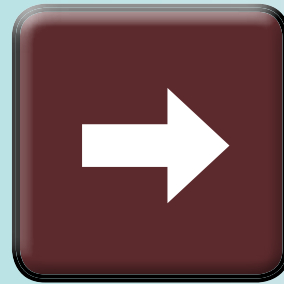


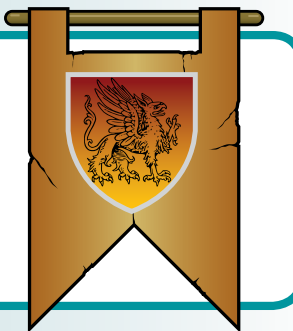
Innovate... Let's get creative!



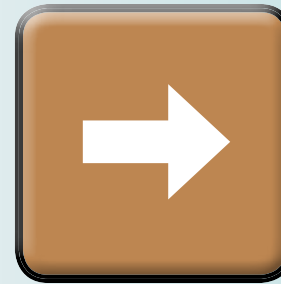
Invent new ways to keep attackers out of the castle and Alfred's family safe inside. What about a raging moat of fire or an incredibly tall keep? Let your imagination run wild!



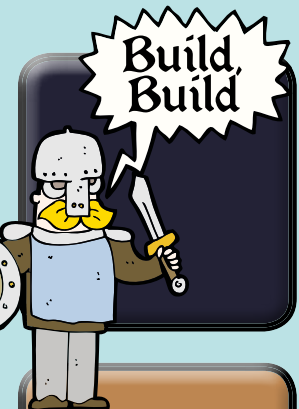
An Anglo-Saxon farmer currently lives on the site where you want to build your castle. Write a letter to the farmer and offer him work or a home within the castle walls. How will he respond?



Draw and label a plan of your castle design. Create front, side and rear views, including measurements. Add exploded diagrams of the castle's key features, such as its drawbridge, keep or bailey.

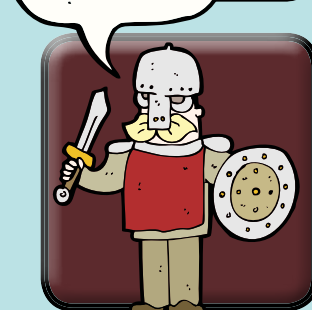


Can you make a working model of your design? Make a list of what you will need, then find and collect materials.



Get building! Use your materials and everything you've learnt to build Alfred's new castle.

Use the web to collect example Norman castle designs and create a photo montage. Make sure your ideas match Alfred's brief. You're lucky - Norman craft workers didn't have the web, you know!



Work in groups to study a map of your local area. Find an ideal location for Alfred's castle. What physical features will help protect his family from the angry Saxons?

Dear Children,
King William has granted me land in your local area to reward my bravery at the Battle of Hastings. My family and I need a castle to live in, but we have a problem.

Although I am a fearless knight, the possibility of attack from nearby Saxon villagers worries me greatly.

My family and I request that you and your fellow builders design a castle for us to live in. It must have strong defences yet provide all the necessary amenities for a comfortable castle life. Please read my design brief, which describes the exact features we require.

My family and I look forward to seeing your designs and moving into our finished castle.

Yours faithfully,
Alfred the Worrier

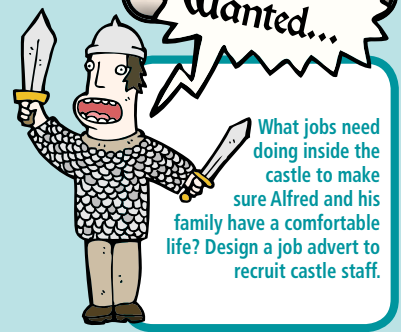


Design brief

- Strong defences with a motte and bailey design
- A secure dungeon
- Family rooms and accommodation for guards and servants
- Symmetrical designs
- Areas to cook, eat and entertain
- Access to water and food in case of a siege.

You will need

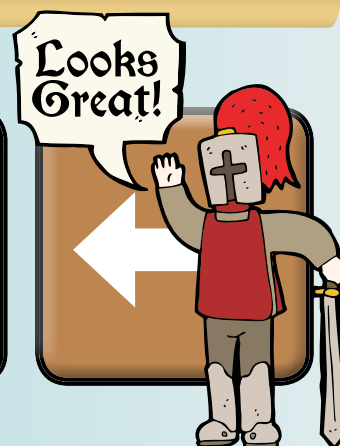
- ☐ Images of Norman castles
- ☐ Examples of building and architect's plans
- ☐ Square paper and rulers
- ☐ Reference books and web resources about castles
- ☐ Construction materials for model making
- ☐ French cookery books
- ☐ Images of Norman heraldry, flags and popular designs
- ☐ Tracing paper, mirrors and 2-D shapes
- ☐ Flag making materials.



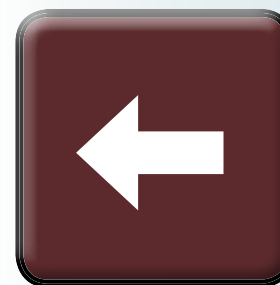
What jobs need doing inside the castle to make sure Alfred and his family have a comfortable life? Design a job advert to recruit castle staff.



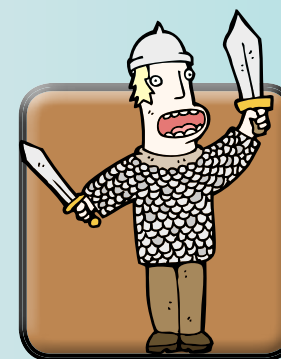
Present your models to Alfred. Try and persuade him that your ideas and design is the best. Which will he choose? It'll be a tough decision.



And now for the finishing touches! How about designing a heraldic flag to fly above Alfred's castle?



Work with a partner to create a celebratory kenning poem that describes Alfred's new castle. You might need to brainstorm some ideas together first!



Research food you might serve at the castle's opening ceremony. Plan a menu for a group of Norman lords and knights. Can you come up with an original recipe and prepare food for the ceremony using a range of cooking techniques.

