

# Castle Builder

**Situation:** Castles played a huge role in medieval society. They served as the primary means of defense and a sign of power and wealth. Each castle was uniquely designed with its own looks and defenses.



**Your Task:** Design a castle with the best defenses possible. You need to design it so that the people inside could survive a long siege. You will turn in two pictures of your castle. One will be an **overhead** view like a blue print and the second will be a drawing of the castle if you were looking at the **front** of it.

## Instructions

1. Overhead picture (not colored)
  - a. Sketch your castle as if you were looking down on it from above. (There is an example on the next page)
  - b. Label all the rooms and key parts.
    - i. If you don't label it – it isn't there!
    - ii. Think about what you'd need in it to survive.
  - c. Include the area around your castle.
    - i. Moat?
    - ii. Trees?
    - iii. Rocks?
    - iv. Walls?
2. Front-view Picture
  - a. Must show the castle entrance.
3. Write a 1 paragraph description of your castle's defenses.
  - a. Include where it is located.
  - b. Explain any unique defenses or traps.
  - c. Explain anything that isn't shown clearly in your pictures.
4. Write a 1 paragraph explanation of how an attack by an army of 1000 knights and 100 archers would be stopped by your defenses.

## The Competition

1. Trade papers with another group.
2. Write a 1 paragraph explanation of how you would conquer their castle. Include any weaknesses you see in their design.

**Overhead Castle Blueprint Example:**

