

Why were castles built in England?

Key Substantive Concepts

country



ruler



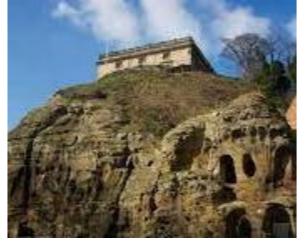
1066



1666



2025 - My living



memory (Present day)

- **William the Conqueror** became king and ruler of England.
- He won the **Battle of Hastings**.
- He built **castles** to show his power.
- He came from **France**.
- He lived from **1028 – 1087**.

- The Great Fire of London

- Nottingham Castle is used as a museum.

Key Vocabulary		
	peasant	A poor person who does not have much money. They would often work on a farm.
	enemy	A person who does not like another person or their ideas.
	Battle of Hastings	A fight over who should be the king of England between the Norman-French army and the English army.
	castle	A large building used as homes, built to protect people from enemies.
	war	Fighting between countries or groups of people.
	century	100 years.

What was lifelike for rich and poor before William the Conqueror ruled? (Around 1000 years ago)

- Markets in towns sold a range of goods such as jewellery, leather items, cloth and woven.



- 90% of people lived in villages and worked on farms.

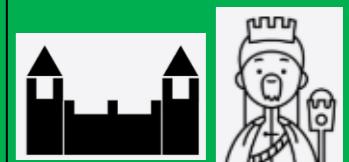


- The **peasants** would work on the farms.
- On other days they farmed their own rented land to grow enough food to survive and pay rent.



What was lifelike for rich and poor after William the Conqueror ruled? (2025)

- The lord or noble lived inside the keep to stay safe from enemies attacking.



- Knights had to fight in battles against the attacking enemies.



- The **peasants** would have the job of cleaning out the smelly cesspits (toilets). This job was known as a **Gong Farmer**.
- **Servants** in the castle would look after children, do the cleaning, sewing, and laundry.

