**Castles Reading Questions**

Read the web page below and answer the following questions:

[Castles Reading - History Skills](https://www.historyskills.com/classroom/year-8/year-8-castles-reading/)

1. Who started building castles in England after a successful invasion?
2. What was a motte and bailey castle?
3. What was also added to a motte and bailey castle that gave more protection?
4. What kind of castle soon replaced motte and bailey castles?
5. What was a concentric castle?
6. What was a ‘killing field’?
7. Why was fire particularly effective against motte and bailey castles?
8. What were battering rams used against in order to get into a castle?
9. What was the disadvantage of using a ladder to attack a castle?
10. What kinds of things could catapults throw at castles?
11. What was ‘under mining’?
12. Why was food an important factor in sieges?

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you learnt in your reading, answer the following question in paragraph format (Topic Sentence, Explanation, Evidence, Concluding Sentence):

*Why were castles such effective defensive structures?*