**History of Medieval Castles Viewing Questions**

Watch the video below and answer the questions that follow:

<https://youtu.be/nKuqJZgZBaY>

1. What was the primary purpose of castles during the Middle Ages?
2. Why did the significance of castles diminish over time?
3. Which countries were notable for spending significant sums of money on building castles?
4. What event led to the appearance of castles in England?
5. What was the main reason the Normans built defensive structures in England?
6. What were the earliest castles known as and what were they made of?
7. Describe the structure of a motte and bailey castle.
8. How did the construction materials of castles evolve over time?
9. What is a 'keep' in the context of a castle?
10. Why were stone keeps advantageous compared to wooden structures?
11. What are concentric castles and how did they improve defense?
12. What was a common feature in the design of concentric castles to trap attackers?
13. What was a simple strategy used to attack wooden castles?
14. Why was a frontal assault on a castle usually disadvantageous for attackers?
15. What were some methods used to destroy stone walls from a distance?
16. What was a last-resort strategy for capturing a well-defended castle?

**Paragraph Writing**

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

*Why were castles such effective defensive structures?*