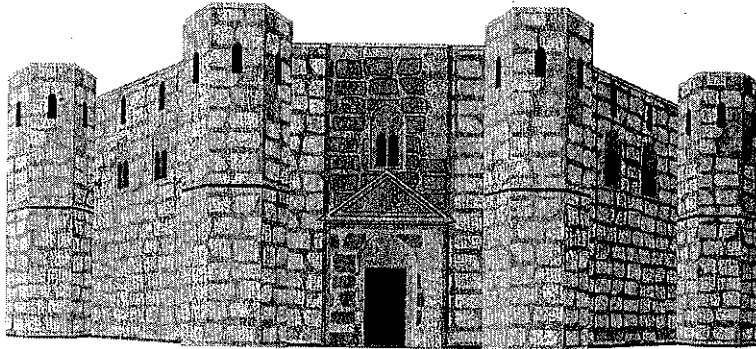


CASTLES



- Go to your public, school, and classroom libraries and check your home for any books about castles. Collect all the different materials you can on this topic and bring them to school. Read and research all you can on castles. Keep a bibliography on all the books you read and record them on your "Cool Castles" chart.
- Build a model of a castle. Use several of your favorite castles as a guide to creating your own model castle. Determine what size your final castle will be and select materials that are appropriate for your plan. Include all the common components of a castle.
- Make a floor plan of the inside of your castle. Carefully label all the different components. Use this as a key for those who will be examining your model.
- Many castles are still standing across Europe. Research the locations of these castles. Create a salt relief map of Europe and include the location of each castle. Create a guidebook that identifies and describes the special features of each castle.
- Read several stories about life in the castle. Most people think about knights, but they were only one member of a huge community that lived within the walls of most castles. Create a persona of someone living in a castle and keep a journal describing your experiences.
- Talk with a travel agent and learn about the different types of castle tours that travelers may join. Create an itinerary and budget for a castle tour. Use a spreadsheet program such as Excel® to develop your travel plans.

- Research the different innovations historians have found in their work on documenting the both the structure of castles and life inside the castle walls. Find a way to share with others your discoveries about these innovations.
- Castles have a dark, mysterious feel. Using descriptive phrases grounded in your five senses, create a poem about a castle.

