

Medieval Castles, by Connor Bulger

In the medieval times, people protected themselves using castles. The first castles were Motte and Bailey castles built by the Normans. A Motte and Bailey castle was typically made of wood. Motte means mound or 'clod of earth' Bailey means enclosure, so Motte and Bailey would be a keep on a mound of dirt, enclosed by a wall.

A very famous castle is the elegant Windsor Castle. This English castle is the home to the Queen of England!! On weekends. Now you can see why this castle is famous, but there is much more. Windsor castle is the largest castle and the largest inhabited in England. There is nearly thirteen acres of wonderful castle. All though this amazing is large and beautiful, it started as a simple. Motte and Bailey built by William the Conqueror in 1070.

Located in Royal Deeside, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Balmoral castle has been a residence to the British Royal Family since 1852. It became a house for the family when Queen Victoria bought the castle in 1852; she then found it was too small. It then was demolished and was rebuilt. William Smith of Aberdeen was the person to build Balmoral Castle a second time. Smith was finished by 1856. The Queen was apparently was happy for it was left alone and not torn down again.

Finally my favorite, Arundel Castle. Located in Arundel, West Sussex, England. This castle, like Windsor, started as a Motte and Bailey. Its Motte (a motte is a mound of earth) was 70 feet high! 9 foot curtain walls were built round the baileys. This wonderful castle is home to the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk.