



Who lived in castles?

Kings and Queens

Lords and Ladies

- It was not just Kings and Queens that lived in castles!
- Lords and Ladies were important, rich people who owned a lot of land. They were often friends with the King or Queen.
- The Lords lived the castle and paid for everything inside it.
- The Ladies would throw parties, or banquets, and organise visits from other noble people.





Priests

- Priests were in charge of the church in the castle, or a room called a Chapel (a special room like a church).
- They told stories from the Bible.
- They would listen to people's problems or worries, and try to help them.
- They would help people pray to God.

Soldiers

- Soldiers protect the castle from invaders.
- They would use arrows, spears and even heavy stones to stop people from getting inside.
- Most soldiers had armour, but if the castle was attacked lots of people were told to become soldiers. Some of them might not have had armour!
- Soldiers had to march around – they were not allowed to ride on the horses.





The Noble or Lord

- Lived in the castle to ensure they were protected from invader's attack.
- Could afford more luxurious clothes made of velvet and other soft materials
- Eats fresh fish, and meat.
- Played board games and told stories to entertain themselves.

Cook

- Made meals for everyone in the castle
- Fruit, vegetables and herbs were grown in the kitchen's garden.
- Meat would be stewed or roasted over the hearth fireplace
- Water for cooking had to be fetched from the well.
- The cook would often sleep on the kitchen floor with many other kitchen staff. It was very cramped.





Soldiers

- Protected the castle from enemy attacks.
- Used arrows and crossbows and longbows and threw stone missiles to crush invaders.
- Sometimes boiling liquid was thrown onto the enemy from the castle walls
- Guarded the castle from the gatehouse and battlements.

Gong farmer

- Toilets were called garderobes and they were built into the castle walls.
- Everything dropped down into the moat or a cesspit.
- The smelly job of cleaning out the cesspit was done by men called gong farmers.





Knight

- Knights were skilled horsemen and excellent soldiers. They fought for kings and Lords.
- The noblemen paid the knights with land.
- A knight had to train for 14 years!
- He went to a Lord's house at 7 years old. There, he was taught how to ride and to shoot with a bow.
- Then he became a squire and was taught how to fight with a sword.
- A knight wore a helmet that covered his head and very heavy armour.

Servants

- Servants had to sleep on the cold, stone floors.
- They had to heat the water for the baths over huge fires!
- There were lots of servants and they all had different jobs to do:
- Sewing, laundry, for the knights, nurses who looked after the young children of the Lord and Lady.
- The outside servants looked after the horses, mended the armour and weapons, looked after the garden and beekeepers who provided honey for the kitchen!

