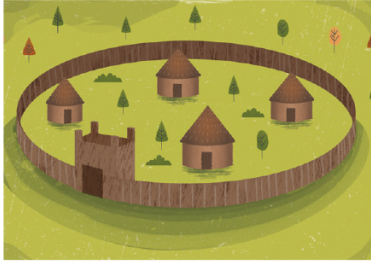
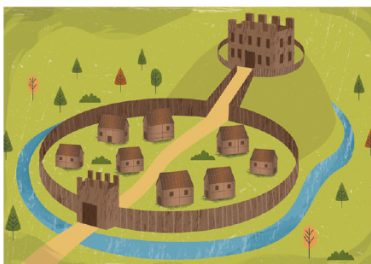
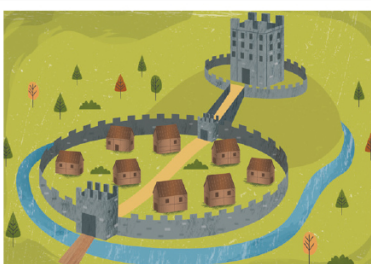
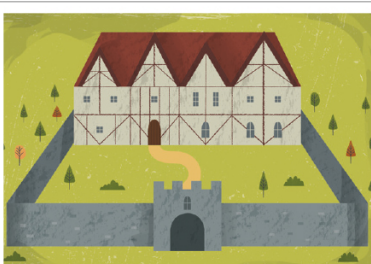


Castles through the ages answer sheet

Image	Information
	1. Iron Age hill forts c. 100 BC Iron Age hill forts were built on the top of hills and surrounded by ditches. Wooden walls were built around the fort to protect the people inside.
	2. Saxon ditch and rampart castles c. 500 AD Saxon ditch and rampart castles were often built on the sites of old Iron Age hill forts and sometimes had whole towns inside them. A ditch was dug around the perimeter of the castle, and the spare earth was formed into a rampart – a tall mound of earth that was difficult for enemy soldiers to scale.
	3. Norman motte and bailey castles c. 1068 The first motte and bailey castles were made from wood. A secure keep stood on the top of a man-made hill with steep sides. This was called the motte. The large area at the bottom of the motte contained buildings for servants to live and work in. This was called the bailey. The whole castle was surrounded by a wooden fence and a ditch which was sometimes filled with water.
	4. Stone keep and curtain wall castles c. 1150 Many wooden motte and bailey castles were rebuilt in stone after the Norman invasion. They were much stronger than wooden castles and were more difficult to attack and destroy. The curtain wall that surrounded the castle often included towers from which castle defenders could watch for and attack enemies.
	5. Concentric castles c. 1270 Concentric castles were almost like two castles in one. They had an outer wall with a gatehouse and an inner wall with one or more gatehouses. The inner wall was often taller than the outer wall. Some concentric castles had a moat for extra protection.
	6. Medieval fortified manor house c. 1300 Fortified manor houses were usually the central hub for an area where the Lord would live and conduct his legal and business affairs. They were built in brick, stone or wattle and daub and had few windows. Many were surrounded by strong walls, and some had a moat with a gatehouse and drawbridge.