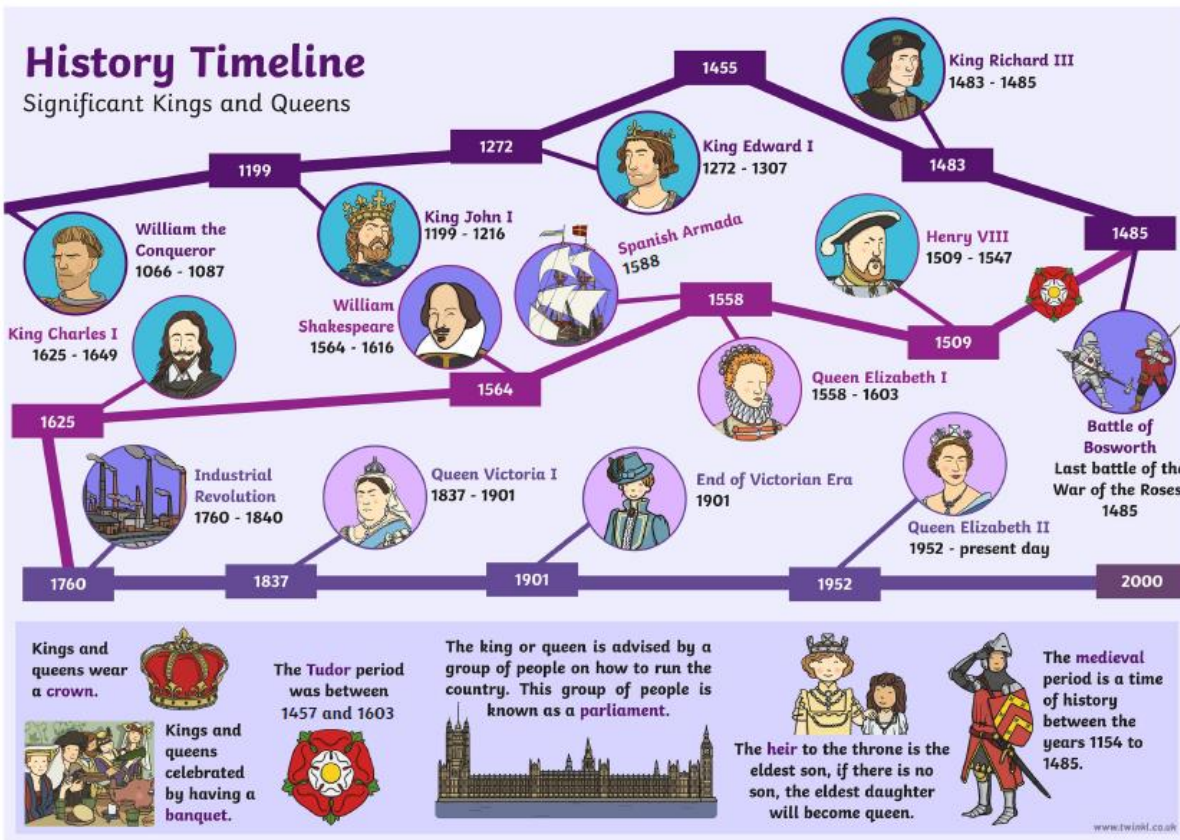
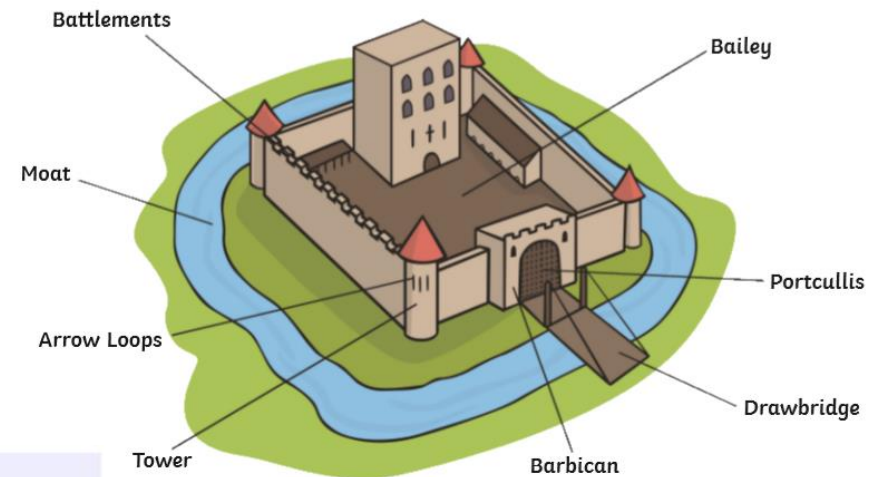


The Royal Forest of Dean

- Offa, the King of Mercia built a dyke to separate England from Wales. English lords built many castles along the dyke as a defense barrier.
- Known as the Royal Forest of Dean since the Norman conquest in 1066, until 1971 when it was deforested by the royal family.
- The forest was used as a hunting ground by the Norman rulers, this was continued by the Tudor kings
- Verderers were appointed to protect the land for the king. The Peverel House was built in 1682 to act as a parliament for freemen and verderers. It is the oldest court in England. It still meets four times a year.

Parts of a Castle



Key Words

Monarch	A monarch is a king or queen, emperor or sultan who rules over a land
Parliament	Where the politicians meet to decide laws
succession	This is the order in which a monarch's family will take over the throne
medieval	A period in time also known as the middle ages running from the 5 th to the 15 th century
defence	The act of protecting
invader	To enter by force as an enemy
Verderer	An officer of the court in charge of the kings forest