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BIG CAT READING [CASTLES]

ABOUT THE BOOK

- [Castles] Story: Maggie Freeman
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- Main Content
 - I. The functions of castles
 - II. Where can it be?
 - III. How to keep safe
 - IV. Peace-Time
 - V. Castles today
- Passage Type: expository writing

PART RETELLING I

- Why did people build castles?

Castle is a safe place for the rich to live, so they would like to choose castle as their home. Castles are most built from the 1066s to the 1400s.

- Where were castles built?

Most castles were on hills or near the sea because only a little enemies can climb onto the hill or from the water. And they can withstand attacks too. People piled up dirt



Heidelberg



Chillon Castle

and stones where there were no hills or sea. They dug moats and let them be full of water.

- Keeping safe

There's a long way from the top of a castle, though it was windy and cold up there (shivering). It was safe to stay in castle in the past. It will be very crowded if animal come in too. Some castles can only let soldiers live in them. The outside walls were often meters high. The towers stuck out so soldiers could see to shoot at the enemies. At the top of the walls and towers were battlements. These had crenels which soldiers could shoot through in bat



Towers

PART RETELLING II

➤ Attack!

People use many ways to attacks castles, but none of them can break into the castle.

They use things like ladders, trebuchets, battering rams, mines and so on to attack a castle. But people inside the castle use drawbridges, portcullises, doors, murder holes to protect themselves. During the attack, people could not go out, so there must be a



➤ Drawbridges

storeroom, a kitchen, and a well in order to live inside. If the enemies break into the castle, they had to be caught and locked up in the dark smelly dungeons.

➤ At peace

In peaceful times, the castle's great hall was used for feasts. People could sleep there. Farmers came to the hall to pay rents to Lord.

➤ Castles today

Some castles are still used today. Others were destroyed by the enemies. Sometimes people took stones from the walls of the castles to build houses and now little is left.

MY COMMENTS

- After reading, my first thought was, 'Wow, are so useful, in the past, or at the present.' Then I thought I should read it again. After reading again, I thought, ' I like castles.' And then I have a idea that I want to go to a castle, and I think I'll come true my dream this winter holiday.