

William I - Castles

1. What were the commonly fortified settlements called prior to the Normans?	
2. Where had a few castles been built prior to the Normans and by whom?	
3. What was the maximum distance from a castle to a settlement during William's reign?	
4. Why was this the maximum distance?	
5. What were the most common areas to build castles? Pick 4 and explain their importance.	
6. What was a Norman castle's primary function?	
7. What was a Norman castle's additional function?	

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8. Roughly how many castles were built in England during William's reign?	
9. What was the difference in castle ownership between England and Normandy?	
10. Why might William have allowed this change?	
11. Despite some weaknesses, what was the key strength of Norman castle design?	
12. How many houses were destroyed to build the castle at Lincoln?	
13. What economic concern was sometimes raised regarding castles?	
14. What was the clearest symbol and sign of William's castles?	