





Explore Roscommon Castle

Stop 1 - Outside the Castle



1	List 3 ways in which the castle is different to your own house?	1. 2. 3.
2	Can you find an Arrow Loop? 	
3	How many more can you find out here, before you go inside the castle?	
4	Describe how the arrow loops were used.	They were used by soldiers to shoot at people attacking the castle.


5	<p>Can you find any gun loops? If so, where?</p> 	
6	<p>In which tower can you see the garderobe?</p> 	
7	<p>What is a garderobe?</p>	
8	<p>There is another garderobe nearby, can you find it?</p>	

Stop 2 - The South-West Tower

9	<p>Where in the castle can you find this staircase?</p> 	
10	<p>What colour is the gate on these stairs?</p>	
11	<p>How many other gates of the same colour are there in the castle?</p>	
12	<p>Draw an example of another gate that you found in the castle.</p>	

Stop 3 - The Main Gatehouse

13	<p>Can you spot this window? What shape is it? What shape are the panes?</p> 	
14	<p>Can you spot any more shapes in the other windows?</p>	
15	<p>There are many fireplaces in the castle. Can you describe where one of them is?</p>	
16	<p>Can you find the fireplace in the main gatehouse?</p> 	

17	<p>Can you spot the punch dressing (design) on the fireplace? Take a rubbing of the punch dressing.</p> 	
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Stop 4 - The North-East Tower

18	<p>How many windows can you find in the North-East Tower?</p>	
19	<p>Do you think the windows would have had curtains on them?</p>	

Follow-up Activities

Art Work

Create a drawing/painting/clay model/cardboard model of an exciting/scary or joyful event that happened inside the walls of this castle.

Creative Writing

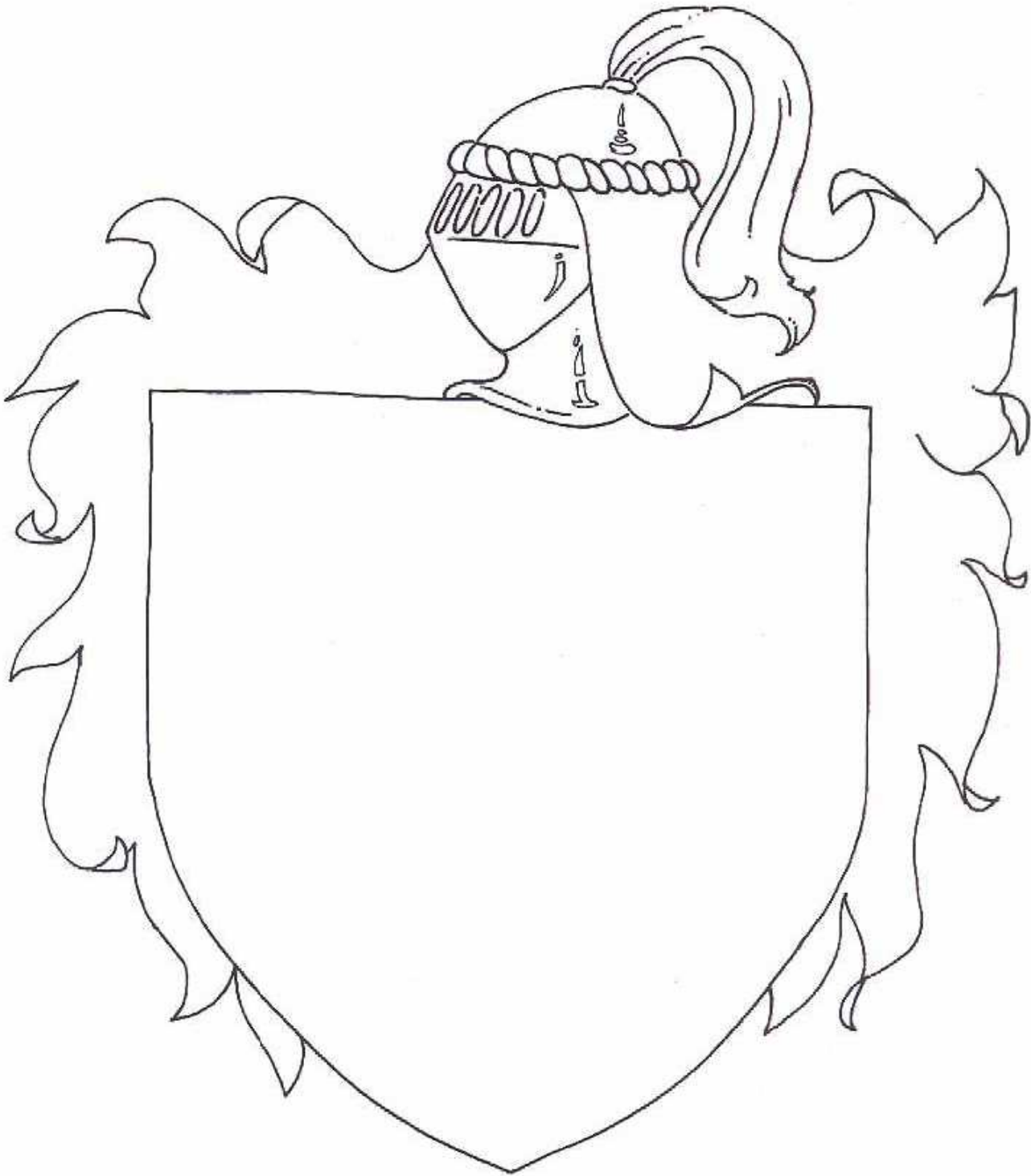
Write a short passage about your visit to the park.

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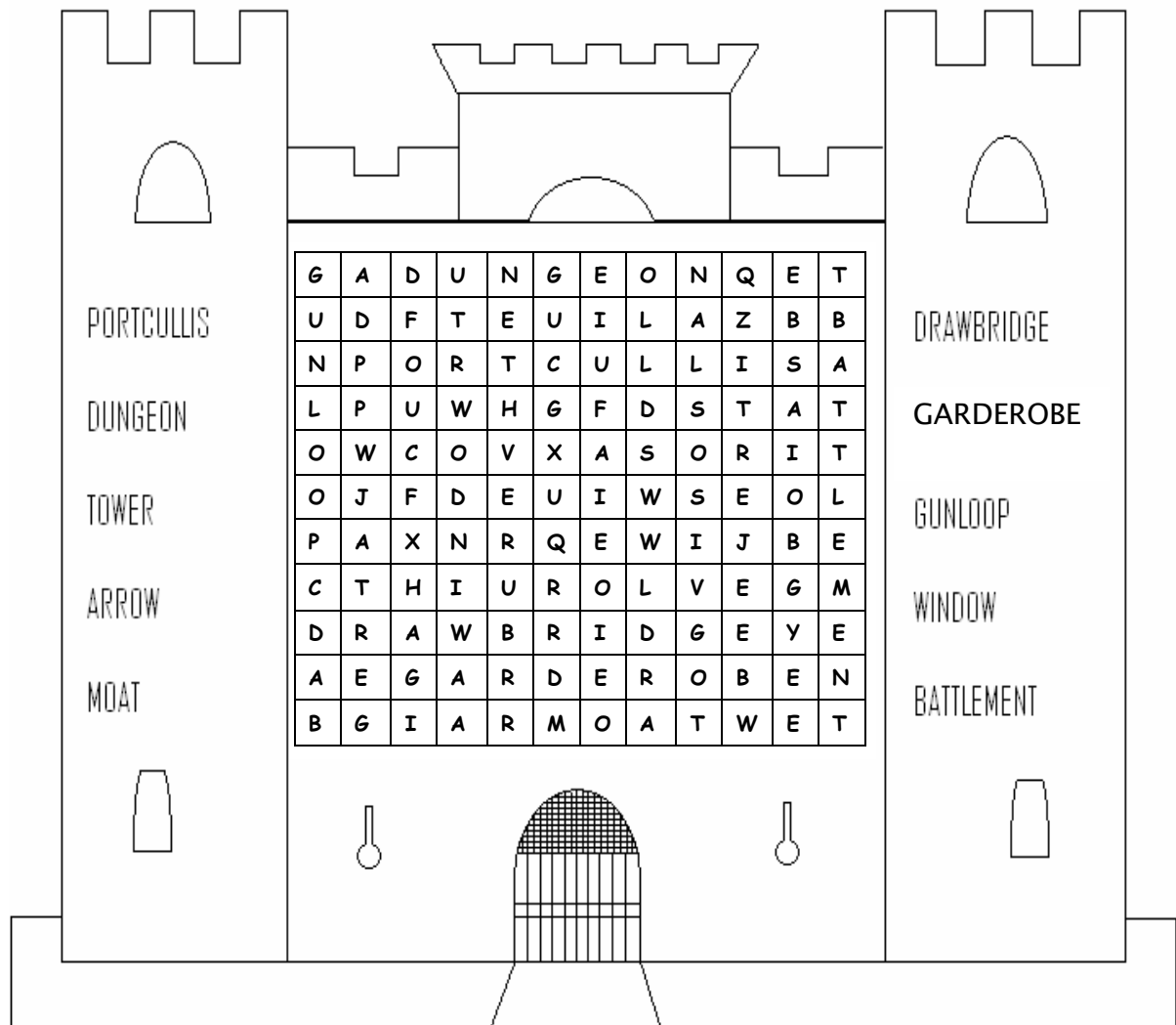
- Who you went with
- What you saw
- What you did
- What your favourite thing was
- Did you enjoy your trip

Illustrate your story with a drawing/painting of the event.

Design a Coat of Arms



Word Search



Cloze Test

Roscommon castle was built in the year 1269 by an English King, Edward I who was trying to stop the O'Connor family who lived in Roscommon from _____ with the English people who lived there at the time.

The castle was built beside a lake and a large moat was dug around the castle and filled with _____. It had two gatehouses which contained drawbridges for _____ people in. It also had arrow loops which were long _____ in the walls so that soldiers could shoot arrows at anyone who was attacking the _____.

Many years later the castle became owned by a man called Sir Nicholas Malby and he made a lot of _____ to the castle. He changed it into a comfortable house for living in. Malby added many gardens. He filled in the moat and made a _____ pond. He replaced the _____ loops with _____ windows. He made sure the castle was still protected by keeping the _____ wall and towers.

The fighting never stopped between the Irish and English and as a result Roscommon castle was _____ down. The castle changed hands between the Irish and English for many years until it was eventually destroyed.

Today, the castle is in _____ and is looked after by the Irish state.

fighting	changes	water	high
arrow	letting	fish	castle
large	ruins	holes	burned

A horizontal timeline of the 20th century, represented by a series of colored boxes. Each box contains a year, likely the midpoint of the decade. The boxes are colored as follows: 1269 (red), 1572 (blue), 1845 (pink), 1930 (orange), 1970 (green), and 2002 (purple).

Year	Color
1269	Red
1572	Blue
1845	Pink
1930	Orange
1970	Green
2002	Purple

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The castle was built

The castle was burned down

The Great Famine

Your granny was born

Your mammy and daddy were born

You were born

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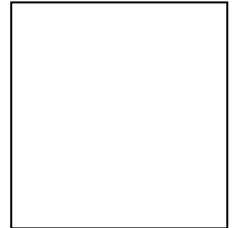
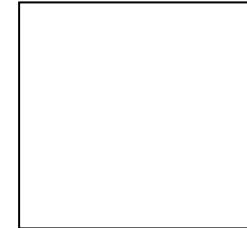
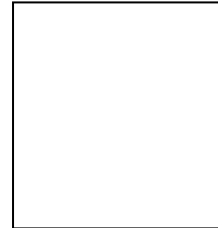
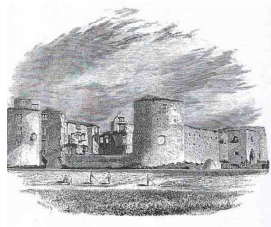
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Draw something that happened to you this year

