








## Explore Roscommon Castle

### Stop 1 - Outside the Castle

1	Have you ever visited any other parks in -	(A) County?  (B) Province?  (C) Country?  (D) Abroad?
2	Have you ever visited any other large house or castle in -	(E) County?  (F) Province?  (G) Country?  (H) Abroad?
3	Can you find an Arrow Loop?  	


4	How many more can you find out here, before you go inside the castle?	
5	Describe how the arrow loops were used.	
6	<p>Is this the main (front) gatehouse or the postern (rear) gatehouse? Why do you think so?</p> 	
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8	<p>Can you spot the water chute? What is it for?</p> 	
9	<p>Can you find any gun loops? If so, where?</p> 	
10	<p>What is the difference between a gun loop and an arrow loop?</p>	
11	<p>In which tower can you see the garderobe?</p> 	

12	What is the function of the garderobe?	
13	There is another garderobe nearby, can you find it?	
14	Can you find the Murder Hole? Which gatehouse is it in? 	
15	Who used it and how was it used?	
16	List 3 ways that the castle is protected.	
17	Would the moat have been empty or full of water?	

18	Where did the water used in the moat come from?	
19	Was it a good idea to build the castle next to the lake? Why?	
20	The moat was filled in during the 16 <sup>th</sup> century. Why do you think that was?	

## Stop 2 - The South-West Tower


21	<p>Where in the castle can you find this staircase?</p> 	
22	How many other gates of the same colour are there in the castle?	



23	What do you think this staircase leads to?	
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### Stop 3 - The South-East Tower


24	<p>Can you spot the embrasure behind this Cruciform Loop? Draw a loop from the inside of the castle showing the embrasure.</p> 	
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## Stop 4 - The Main Gatehouse

25	What was the function of the main gatehouse?	
26	Why do you think that the Lord lived in the main gatehouse and not in the corner towers?	
27	<p>This is called a transom-and-mullioned window. A: Which part is the transom? B: Which part is the mullion?</p> 	
28	What are the advantages and disadvantages of this type of window?	<p>Advantages:</p> <p>Disadvantages:</p>

29	<p>Can you find the cruciform loop?</p> 	
30	<p>Describe how the loops were used.</p>	
31	<p>There are many fireplaces in the castle. Can you describe where one of them is?</p>	
32	<p>Some fireplaces are high up in the walls. Why is this?</p>	
33	<p>Can you find the fireplace in the main gatehouse?</p> 	



34	<p>Can you spot the punch dressing (design) on the fireplace? Take a rubbing of the punch dressing.</p> 	
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### Stop 5 - From the Castle back into Town

35	<p>Where do you think the avenue that once linked the castle to the town might have been?</p>	
36	<p>What other building in the town is as old as the castle?</p>	

## Follow-up Activities

### Skills

Using your dictionary or the internet find out what the following words mean:

Moat	Embrasure	Tower	Portcullis
Castle	Garderobe	Transom	Mullion
Gatehouse	Dungeon	Battlement	Drawbridge

### Creative Writing

Imagine that you lived in this castle many, many years ago. What job do you think you would have?

Would you be	A knight
	A servant
	A prisoner
	A Lady
	A musician/entertainer?

What do you think used to happen in this castle?

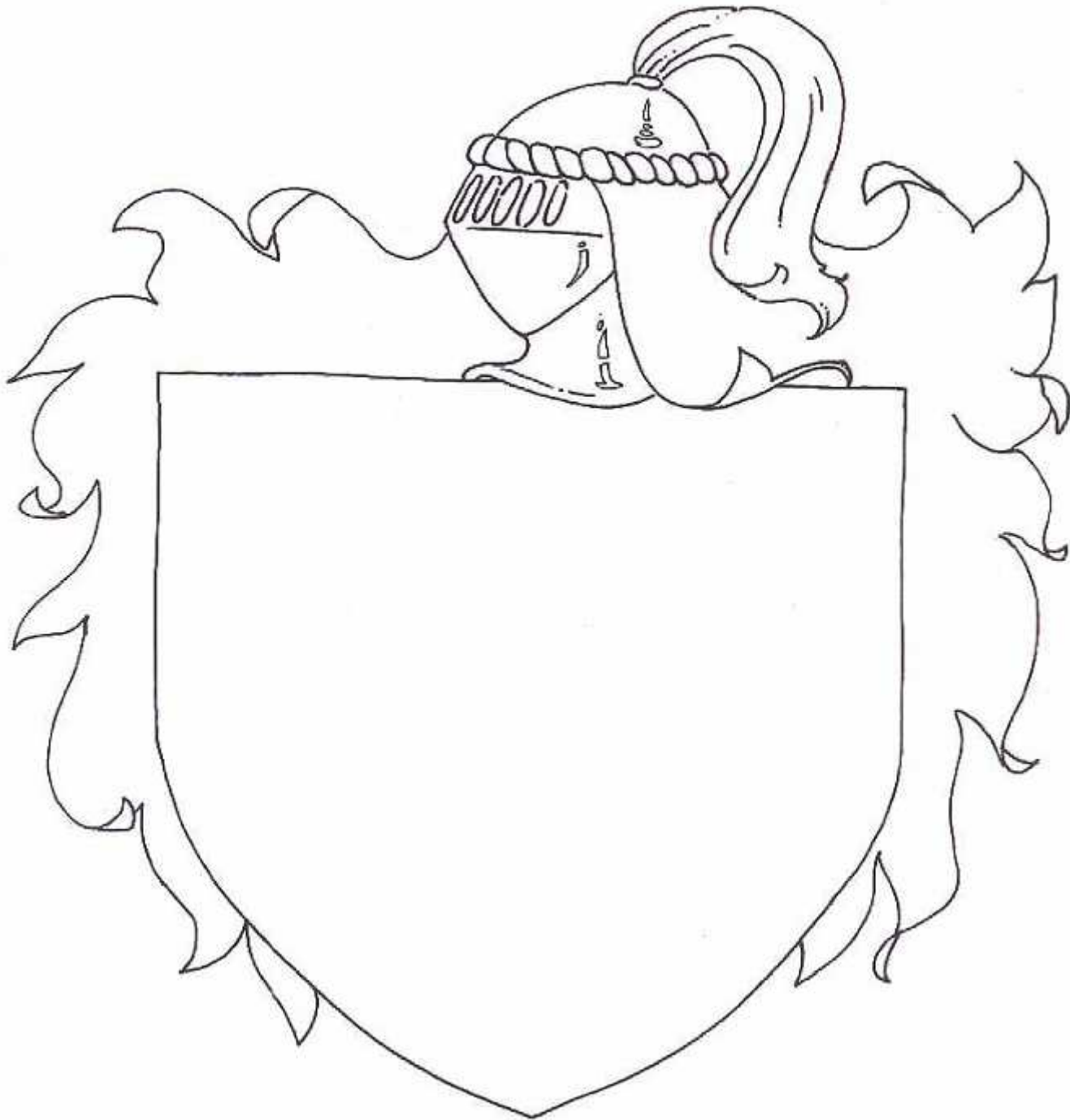
- ❖ Write a story based on an exciting/terrifying/significant event that happened to you in the courtyard of this castle.  
Illustrate your story with a drawing/painting of the event.
- ❖ Write a diary entry of a day in the life of your character.  
Include some daily chores, your thoughts .....

### Art Work

Make drawing/painting/construction (clay/cardboard/paper mache) of the castle of using your knowledge of the castle.

Make a clay model of someone who lives in the castle  
e.g. A Knight, a Servant, a Musician ...

## Design a Coat of Arms



## Word Search

PORTCULLIS

DRAWBRIDGE

GARDEROBE

BATTLEMENT

WINDOW

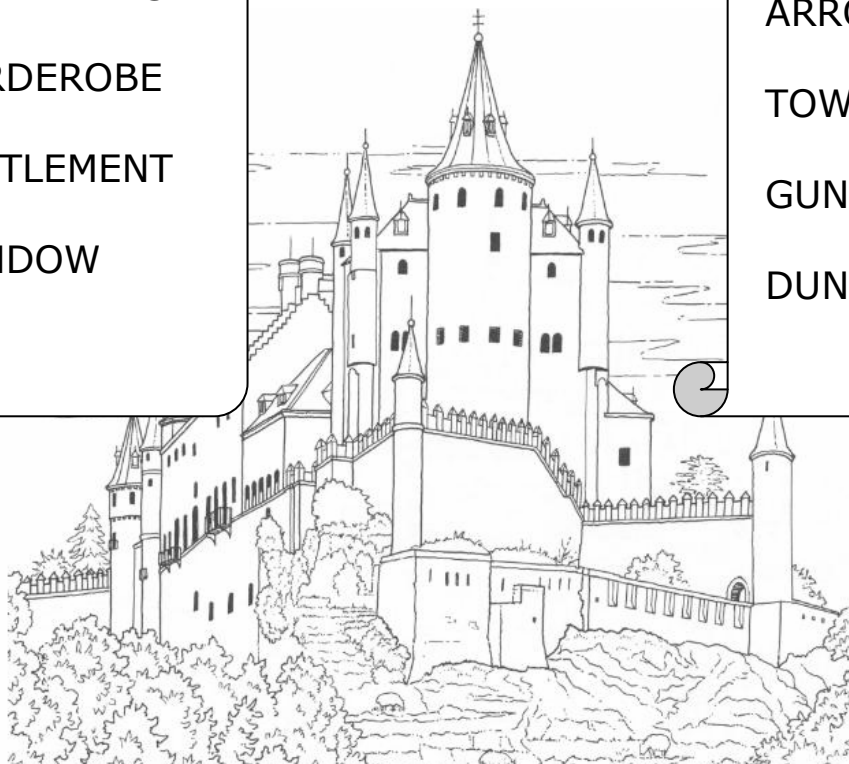
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ARROW

TOWER

GUNLOOP

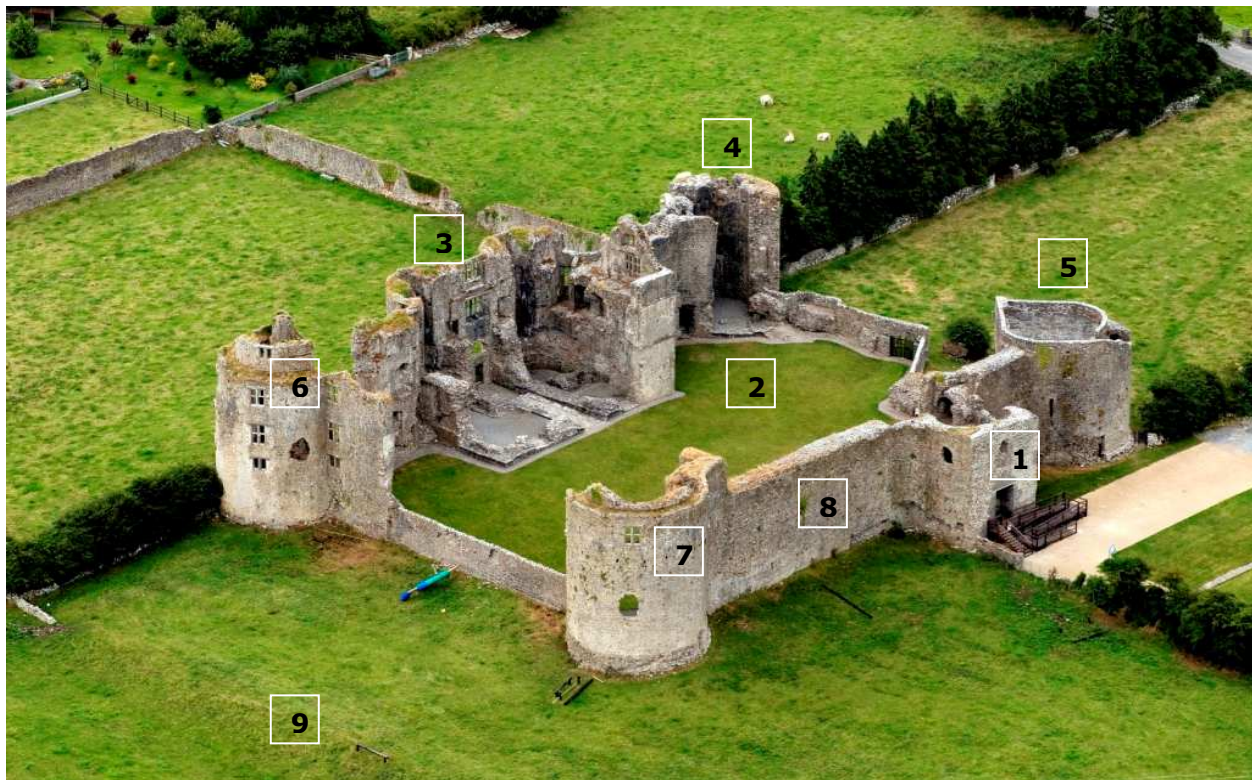
DUNGEON



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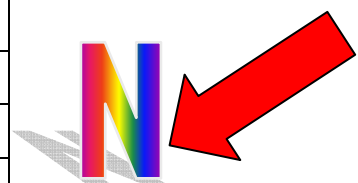
## Plan of Roscommon Castle

Using the numbers one to nine, name the parts of the castle using the words provided below. Don't forget to look at the directions they may help you along.



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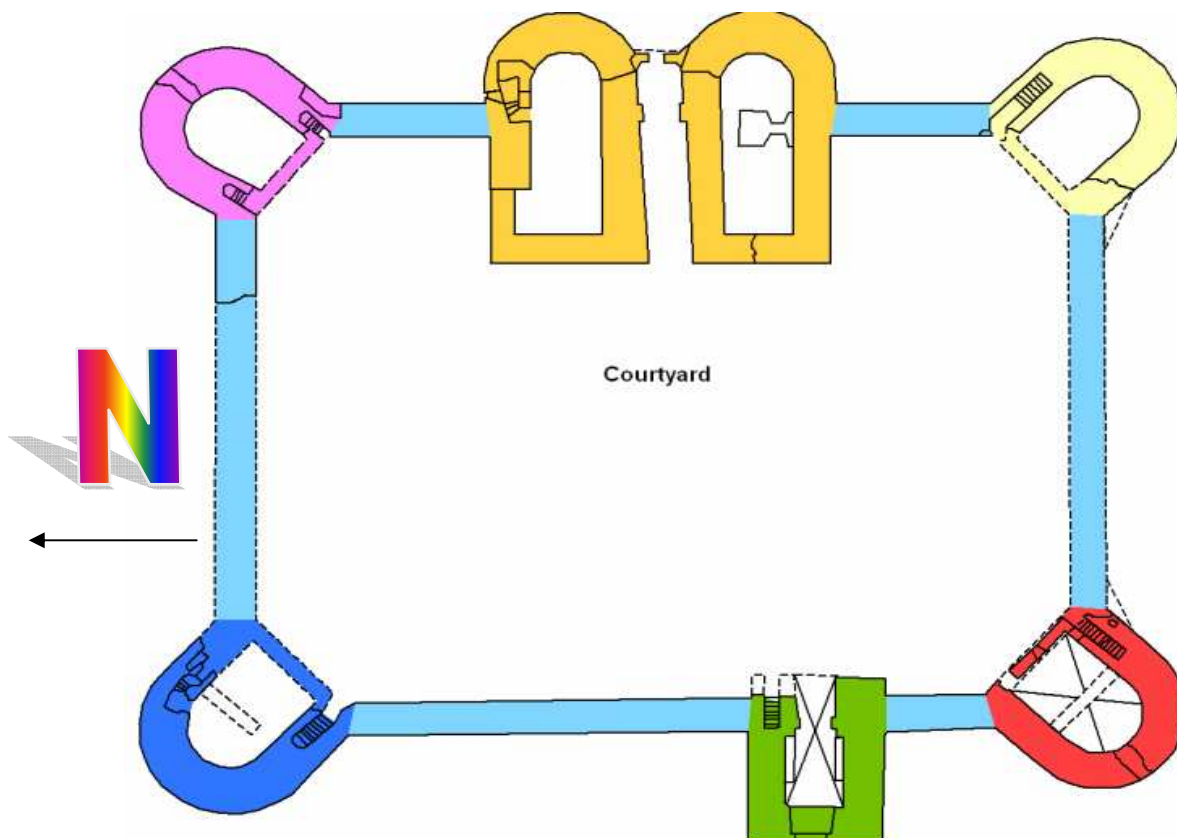
South-east Angle Tower	
North-west angle tower	
Postern Gatehouse	
North-east angle tower	
Castle fosse/moat	
Courtyard	
Main Gatehouse	
South-west angle tower	
Curtain wall	





# Plan of Roscommon Castle

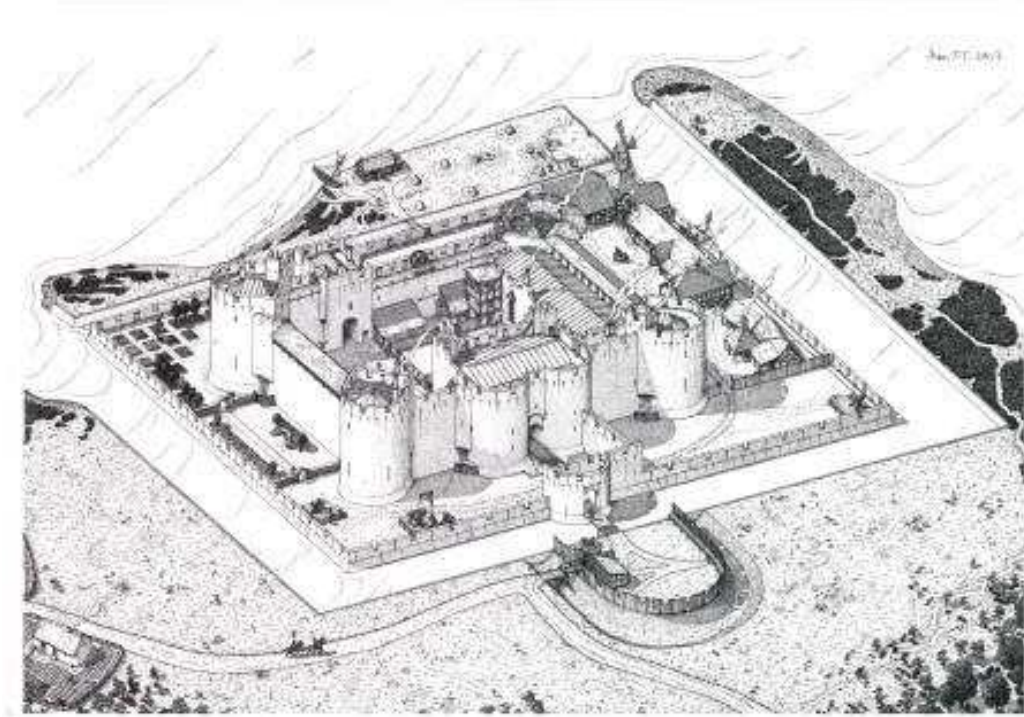
Figure out the directions on this plan of the castle. Place the numbers beside the correct part of the castle.



1	Postern Gatehouse
2	Courtyard
3	Main gatehouse
4	South-east angle tower
5	South-west angle tower
6	North-east angle tower
7	North-west angle tower
8	Curtain Wall

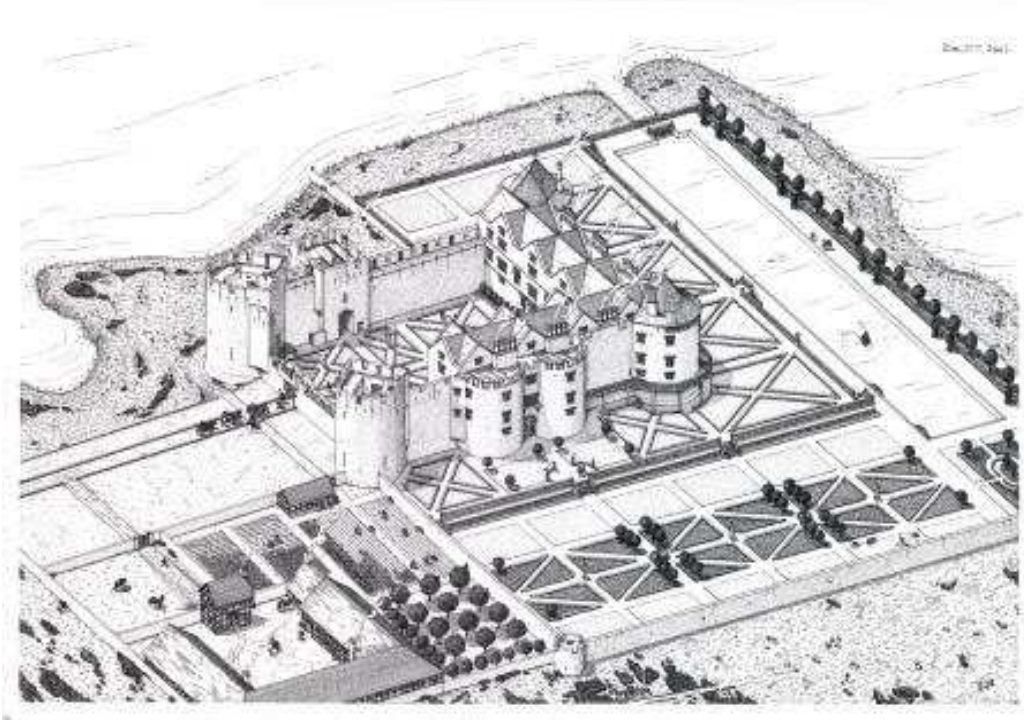
## Spot the Difference

### Roscommon Castle around 1307



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### Roscommon Castle around 1584



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