MINI POCKET GUIDE
MEDIEVAL CASTLE VOCABULARY

Romanesque Period: 800 to 1200 AD

Gothic Architecture: 1100 to 1450 AD

Renaissance Architecture: 1400 to 1600 AD

Baroque Architecture: 1600 to 1830 AD

Rococo Architecture: 1650 to 1790 AD

Neoclassicism in Architecture: 1730 to 1925 AD

Art Nouveau: 1890 to 1914 AD

Pre Romanesque Period: 500 to 800 AD. Merovingian, Carolingian and Ottonian styles

Roman architecture: 527 to 565 AD

Middle Ages / Medieval Period

Renaissance

Roman Empire

Modern times

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES TIMELINE

12th Century: the Golden age of Medieval Castles

A Castle is the private fortified residence of a lord or noble. Often built on a motte, an earthen mound with a flat top, or a prominent rock formation.

Early Castles were often wooden constructions guarded by a palisade and tower.

The first Keep or Donjons built from stones, appeared in the 10th century. This is the great tower and usually the most strongly defended point of a Castle.

The Golden age of Medieval Castles is considered to be the 12th Century.

In the 13th Century, defensive features were added to existing Castles, like towers, gateways, and curtain walls.

Castle construction started to fade by the 15th-16th centuries, but existing Castles did not necessarily all fall out of use.

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