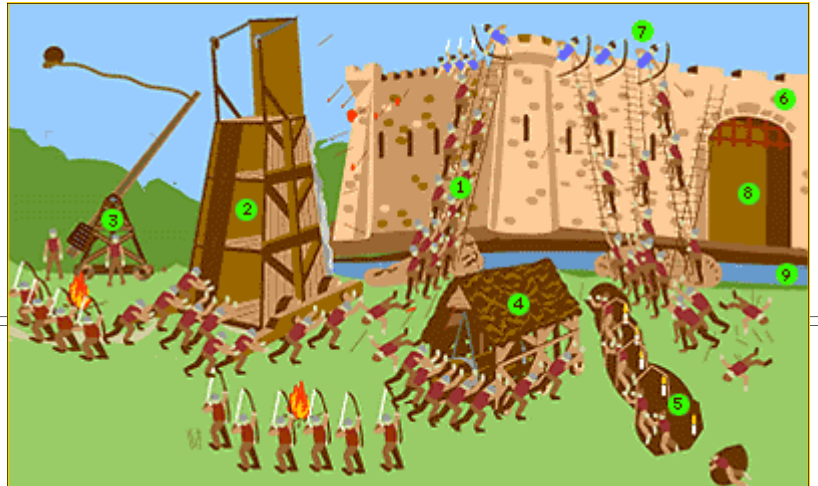


# Student Link

## Internet Treasure Hunt for Grade 4 ( Social Studies : Medieval Times)

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1. Click on the Grade 4 Door.
2. Click on Social Studies.
3. Click on "Medieval Siege".
4. Click on "Medieval Arms Race".
5. Read then fill in the blanks!



War in medieval times was about control of \_\_\_\_\_. To conquer a territory, an attacking army would have to strike and take control of these \_\_\_\_\_.

To do so, they would launch a \_\_\_\_\_.

There were many different ways and weapons that an attacking army would try to use to try and gain control of an enemy's castle, such as a **direct assault**, **siege tower**, **trebuchet** and **battering ram**.

### Direct Assault

This attack mode was the most \_\_\_\_\_ way for attackers to try to take a castle. In a direct assault, soldiers would either climb \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ or try to break down walls with weapons. Why was this method so dangerous? What did defenders of the castle do to the attacking soldiers? List three things:



1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Siege Tower

Attackers sometimes built a \_\_\_\_\_ tower to place against the castle walls. Soldiers would \_\_\_\_\_ inside the tower while others \_\_\_\_\_ it to the castle. Once the the tower was placed against the wall, what would the soldiers lower?



\_\_\_\_\_

How tall were some of these towers? \_\_\_\_\_

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### More on Siege Towers

In the siege against Kenilworth Castle, how many archers were hiding in the siege tower?  
\_\_\_\_\_. How many catapults? \_\_\_\_\_

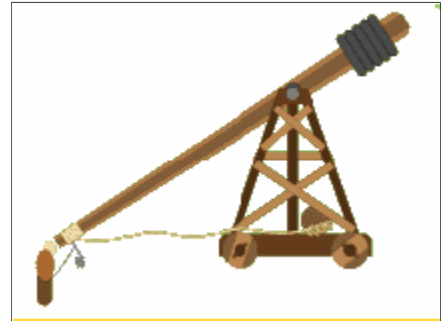
Why were siege towers not an effective method of attack? (2 reasons):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### Trebuchet (Catapult)

Before there were wars, what were trebuchets used for? (how romantic!) \_\_\_\_\_

During a castle siege, what was placed in them to launch at the castle? (4 different things) Hints: something heavy

\_\_\_\_\_, something stinky \_\_\_\_\_,  
something rotting \_\_\_\_\_, something horrible  
\_\_\_\_\_!



What were attackers hoping to spread by flinging dead animals within the castle walls?  
\_\_\_\_\_



### Battering Ram

These were used to \_\_\_\_\_ or even \_\_\_\_\_.

This weapon was actually a thick \_\_\_\_\_ which hung on chains and was pushed against castle walls. Why do you think this weapon was nicknamed "the tortoise"? \_\_\_\_\_

### Something to Think About

If you were an attacker, which weapon or method would you use?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why?  
\_\_\_\_\_

