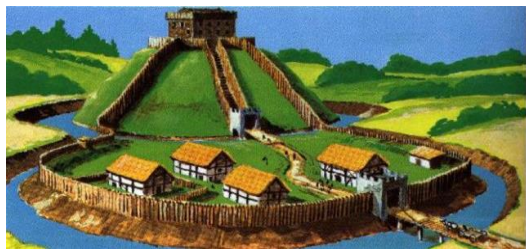


**What should I already know?**

Conisbrough is a village near Mexborough  
 Conisbrough Castle stands on top of a hill.  
 Castles can have different owners over time.



**Conisbrough castle facts**

The castle was founded by William De Warenne in 1066.

The castle was built using stone.



The castle is now just ruins.

The name of the castle mean 'Kings stronghold'.

The first castles built in England were built by the Normans. The Normans invaded Britain during a battle in 1066 called the 'Battle of Hastings' It was fought between William of Normandy and his army from France and King Harold Godwinson and his English army. William won and became the King of England. He was known as William the Conqueror.

**Key Vocabulary**

abandoned	left forever
besieged	surround by attacking soldiers
English Heritage	a charity that looks after the castle
fortified earthwork	protected hill
Great Hall	main room where the lord and lady eat
keep	strong tower
tourist attraction	a place people visit for pleasure
ruin	damaged or falling apart

**How the castle has changed over time**

Founded by William De Warenne.

The castle probably started as a **fortified earthwork**

**1066**

Isabel, daughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl, marries Hamelin (the king's half-brother)

**The stone keep is built.** The curtain wall, great hall and kitchen is built soon after.

**1159-1202**

**Besieged** by Thomas, Duke of Lancaster

**1317**

**Owned** by Dukes of York

**1347**

**Abandoned**

The castle becomes a ruin

**1446 -1548**

Sir Walter Scott uses Conisbrough in his novel 'Ivanhoe' making it famous all over the world.

**1819**

English Heritage looks after the **tourist attraction**. The visitor's centre tells the story of Hamelin; the castle's builder

**21st century**

