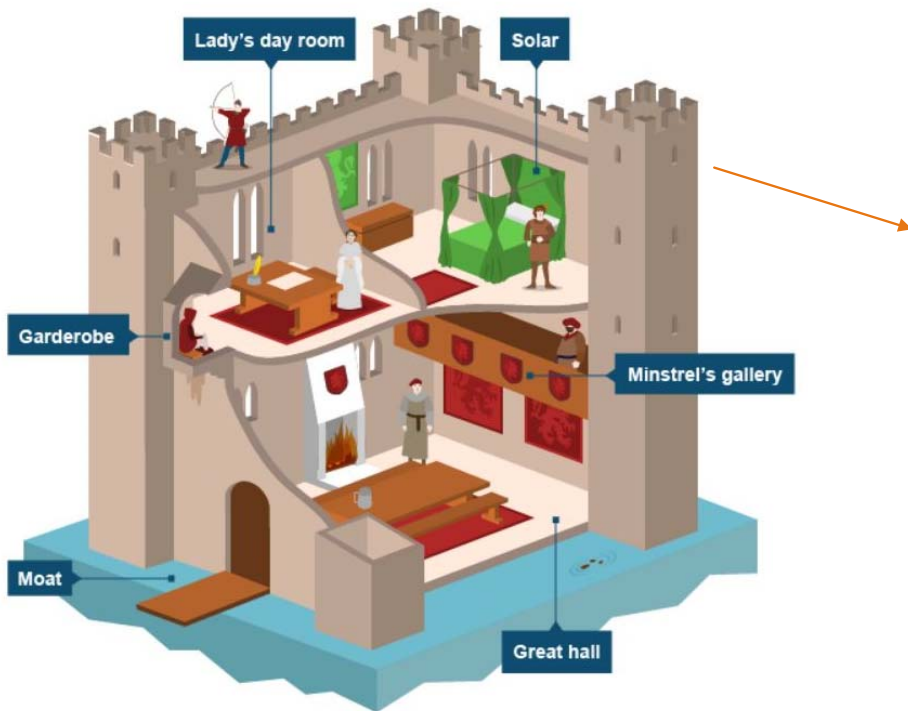


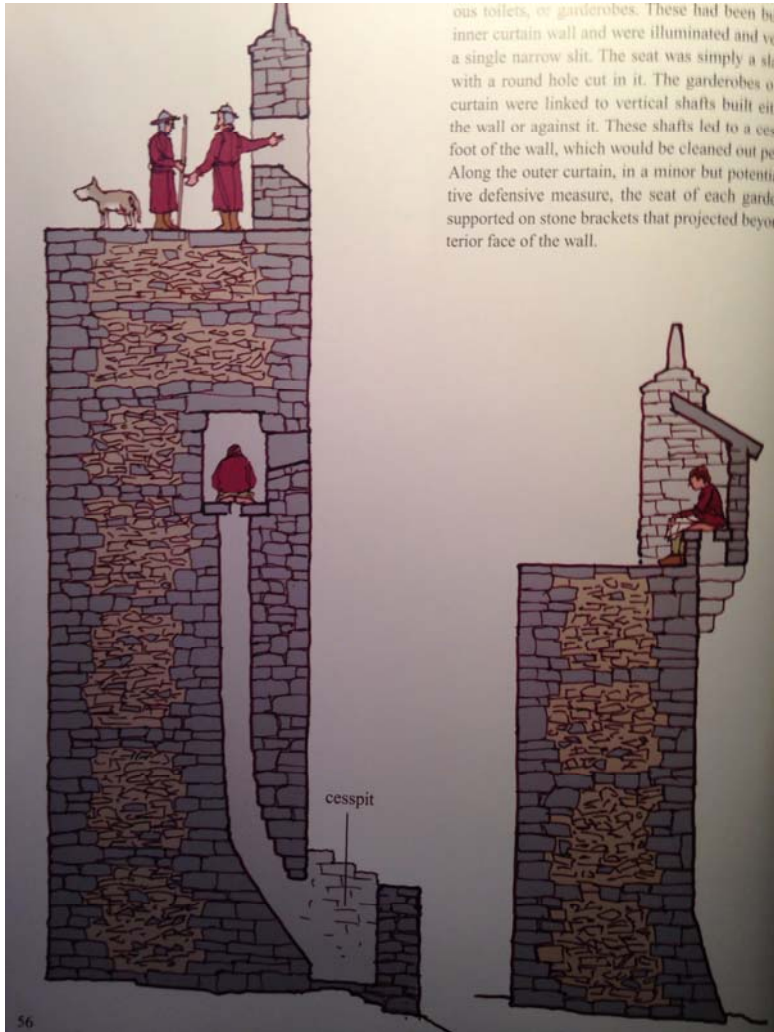
## LIVING IN A CASTLE



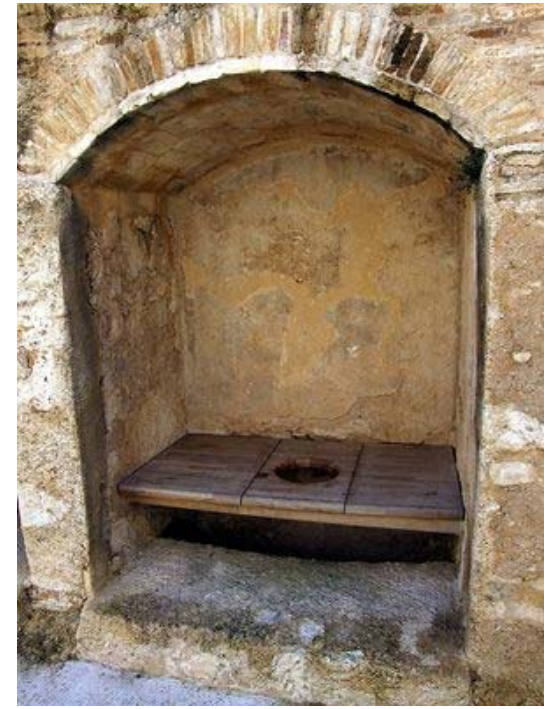
People who lived in the castle included lords, who were in charge, as well as soldiers to defend it from enemy invaders, and even cooks and cleaners to keep everyone fed and tidy up. They could be very crowded places to live.

The word 'Solar' comes from the Latin word 'solaris' meaning sun. This would be a room at the top with more light.

The rich people would have **Four-poster beds**. They had curtains around the bed to keep them warm.



A garderobe is the name of the toilet in a castle. A stone or wooden bench with hole that would allow anything you put in to drop down outside. Sometimes maybe a chute going to a moat. Iron bars were added to the chutes to prevent entry to the castle by attackers!







The banqueting hall of the Palace at Dean Castle, Kilmarnock.

This is how it may have looked around 1400-1500.

The kitchen



Later white plaster and wooden panels would have been put on the walls.



This chair is made from oak wood. It has a carved lion design. Can you see the year date on the chair?



You can spot an oak tree by looking for these leaves..

More examples of carved furniture. Can you see what is in this one?



Braziers, or fire buckets, once warmed the lord's bed chamber



Only rich people would be able to read.  
The most read book would be a bible.

You might like to Watch the video clips below –  
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Medieval Noblewoman

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