

Skipton Castle



Revision Questions

1 Why was Skipton built? As a northern defensive site to protect against the Scots and to maintain law and order following the Norman Conquest.

2 What is Skipton built on? A rocky outcrop

3 What is the river next to the castle called? Eller Beck

4 What year was Skipton built? 1090

5 Who built the castle and why? Robert de Romille - awarded to help maintain control after the Norman conquest.

6 How does the castle develop from the start? Primitive wooden fort to a stone keep castle.

7 How was Skipton used in the English Civil War? As a Royalist stronghold.

8 How did it avoid destruction by Cromwell? Removed its flat roofs and weakened its walls. Prevent use of canon.

9 What is the castle used for after the war? A private residence

10 In the Medieval period it was a local stronghold against who? The Scots

11 What was Skipton awarded in the medieval period? A charter that allowed markets to be held.

12 Which side was the castle on during the Civil War?
Lancaster

13 What role did Skipton play in the English Civil War?

Lancastrian strong hold in the English Civil War, taken off the Lancastrians and awarded to Richard III, eventually re-granted to the Cliffords by Henry VII.

14 How long did Skipton withstand a siege? 3 Years

15 Name 3 people/families associated with the Castle - Robert de Romille, Clifford family, Richard III, Anne Clifford.

16 How does the use of Skipton change? Change of relationship with Scotland, no longer used for defence, break down of feudal society, war of roses, civil war.

17 Name four turning points for Skipton in terms of peak activity - Norman Conquest, Scottish raids, Wars of the Roses, English Civil War

18 How old is Skipton? 928 years

19 What is special about Skipton in terms of it's physical remains? One of the most complete and best preserved medieval castles in England

20 Name of big change in terms of physical features - angled roof introduced by Anne Clifford to prevent use of cannon

21 How does Skipton's importance feature locally? Medieval local importance - centres around feudal society

22 How does Skipton's importance feature nationally? English Civil War, Norman Conquest and control.

23 How can Skipton be compared with Pontefract Castle?
Pontefract has a prison while Skipton has a local level dungeon

24 How does Skipton compare to Sandal Castle? Castle design similar - Early Motte and Bailey castles.

25 How does Skipton modern day building compare to other local castles? Sandal, Pontefract and Richmond.

26 What can we learn about everyday Medieval life from the castle? It had a role in the Feudal system. Lord = Judge, Prison, Market Charter

27 How does Skipton play a part in the British history of War?
War of the Roses and English Civil War

28 How does Skipton have an important part to play in the new role of Women? Anne Clifford - 1600s

29 How are physical remains of the site? The remains are well preserved and gives a clear indication of Medieval/Early Modern lifestyle.

30 How does Skipton Castle feature within farming?

- Castle needed food - Peasants provided.
- Limited food produced in the castle - Most grown outside
- Skipton Market town - Sell sheep and woollen goods
- Had a Mill produced corn for the area

31 How does Skipton Castle feature within the Trade?

- Built near Roman roads - these remained important trade routes
- Town grew up near castles - allows trading
- Skipton Charter 1204 - expansion of markets.

32 How does Skipton Castle feature within feudal society?

- Peasants worked on the lords land
- Castle provide work & food in return for rent
- Need the lords permission to move and marry
- Castle is heart of medieval society - shows power of the Lord

33 How does Skipton Castle feature within law and order?

- Castle had all responsibility for law and order
- Lord was the judge and could imprison people
- Dungeon acted as a prison
- King John makes prison at Skipton in 1199

34 How does Skipton Castle feature within protection?

- Fortress and a residence
- Protected locals in time of trouble
- Vulnerable to attack (peasants)
- People moved to Skipton for protection.