

Learning objectives

- This is an information gathering activity which generates a concise list of pupils' thoughts on the topic of living in a castle.
- Excellent communication activity, promotes thinking and decision making.

20-30
mins

KS2

Teacher Preparation

- The classroom may need to be arranged to facilitate this group activity.

Equipment & Resources

- Flip chart sheets or pieces of A3 paper, pens.

Main activity

1. Divide into four groups.
2. Each group takes a flip chart sheet or piece of A3 paper and chooses a question from the carousel; this is then written at the top.
3. Ask the group to take a few minutes to write down their responses, thoughts and ideas from the original question.
4. Once all ideas are written down, each group gives their sheets to another group in rotation (it's a good idea to ensure each group has a different colour of pen to allow easy identification of thoughts afterwards).
5. They read the responses of the previous group and discuss whether they agree or disagree. If they agree, they tick. If they disagree, they can justify by writing an explanation.
6. Pupils write their own thoughts down on the issue.
7. Keep passing the sheets round until all the groups have seen all the questions (if time permits).
8. Pass all the sheets back to the teacher and discuss all the ideas that have been recorded.

Why do you think Lord Conway wanted to build a Castle?

Why do you think he chose Lisburn as the site for his castle? (Think about local resources at that time).

Many settlers came to live in Lisburn once the castle was built. Can you think of some reasons why people would have wanted to live near a castle?

Why do you think creating a beautiful garden was important for Lord Conway?