

Knights and Castles

- 1** What name is given to the period of time from the year 950 until 1500?
- 2** What were the two main purposes of a castle?
- 3** When did castles start to be built from stone?
- 4** Why were arrowslits narrow?
- 5** How did moats help to protect a castle?
- 6** How were knights expected to treat women and children, according to the code of chivalry?
- 7** On page 27, what does the heading 'Real hero or legend?' tell us about Tomoe Gozen?
- 8** Which country did Joan of Arc live in?
- 9** What is a siege?
- 10** Which castle shown in the book would you most like to visit? Why?

Answers

- 1 The Middle Ages
- 2 to show power; to protect people
- 3 from about 1100
- 4 so the attackers could not shoot arrows through them easily from a distance
- 5 They were full of water, which made it hard for enemies to cross over to the castle.
- 6 They should be kind to women and children.
- 7 that no one is sure if the stories about her are true or not
- 8 France
- 9 a situation where attackers stop anyone from going in or coming out of a castle, so the people in the castle have to survive on the supplies they already have inside and defend themselves from the castle walls
- 10 Answers will vary.