



Edinburgh Castle

Have you visited Edinburgh Castle?

Summary

Edinburgh is the capital of Scotland and is located on the east coast. It has some important and beautiful buildings, lots of shops and many museums and galleries. Barnaby Bear visits Edinburgh Castle, built on a big rock. A foot soldier from the time of Robert the Bruce helps to show Barnaby around. Barnaby learns about the different levels or wards of the castle and their defences. These include the portcullis, turns in the staircases and the cannons. Following tradition, the cannons are fired each day at one o'clock.

Check you know the keywords

Scotland, capital, city, east coast, map, river, hills, castle, wards, portcullis, railway, port, shops, parks, museums, galleries

Watch the video and find out more

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/5444.html>

Watch again, and answer the questions

1. Where is Edinburgh?
2. What can you see in Edinburgh?
3. What is the name of the river?
4. How did Barnaby make sure he didn't get lost?
5. A soldier comes to talk to Barnaby. When was he a soldier?
6. Ways of keeping people out of the Castle: the portcullis. What is it?
7. Did anyone get through? How?
8. Why does the staircase have a bend in it?
9. Where does the staircase lead to?
10. What can Barnaby see from the top?
11. What is Barnaby's big surprise?
12. Why was the gun fired at one o'clock every day?



Check your answers

1. East coast, in Scotland
2. Beautiful and important buildings. Shops, museums, galleries, a castle, lots of hills
3. The Firth of Forth
4. He got a map
5. Hundreds and hundreds of years ago
6. A big gate that had spikes in the bottom
7. Yes, some soldiers – they were dressed as merchants
8. To stop soldiers firing arrows up
9. The top of the Castle
10. Princes St, the park, the railway
11. The one o'clock gun
12. To help the sailors on the Firth of Forth know the time