

MAP READING

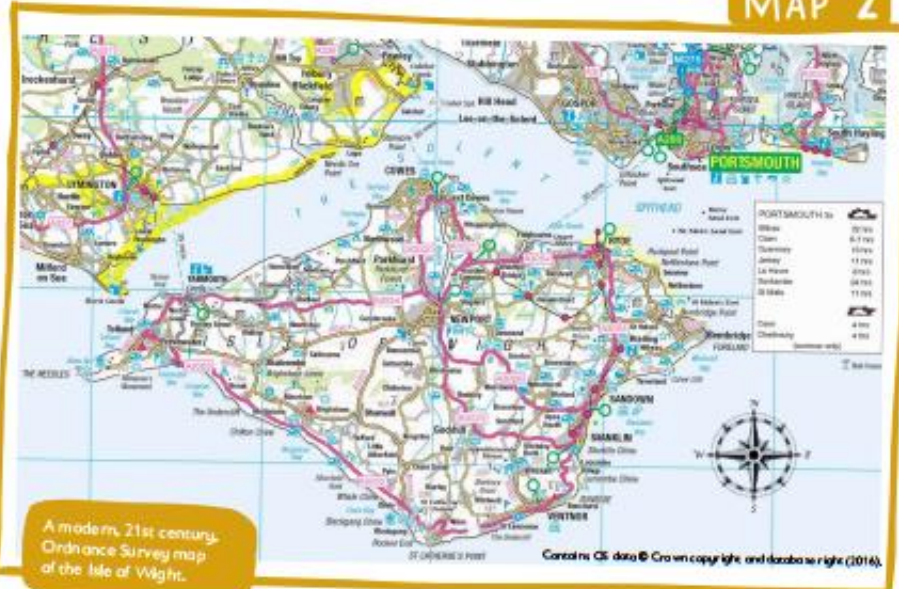
MAP 1



The Isle of Wight from the book 'Atlas of the Counties of England and Wales', 1579. The map shows important things on the coastline. These maps were important as England was threatened with invasion from Spain.

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MAP 2



A modern, 21st century, Ordnance Survey map of the Isle of Wight.

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LOOK AT MAP 1



The historical symbols tell us about features in the landscape.

This symbol represents a whole village.

There has been a fort or castle at Carisbrooke for over 1,000 years. You are going to investigate why this is a good place to build a castle and how Carisbrooke defended the Isle of Wight.

- A Can you find Carisbrooke Castle? Draw a circle around it.
- B Find these three other symbols on the map. What features do they show?



LOOK AT MAP 2

Map 2 shows how the Isle of Wight has changed since 1579. The symbols show different features of the landscape today.

- C Find Carisbrooke Castle and draw a circle around it.
- D What three features are different in the Isle of Wight today?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
- E What features have stayed the same since 1579?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3

In the 16th century, Carisbrooke Castle protected the Isle of Wight and southern England from invasion. The castle needed to stop an enemy from capturing the island and using it for attacks on Portsmouth and Southampton.

- F How many castles were built on the mainland?
- G Why is the castle in the centre of the island?



YOU HAVE ARRIVED AT THE CASTLE GATEHOUSE!

Complete questions **A** and **B** then move into the inner bailey.



The gatehouse at Carisbrooke Castle

A Which words **describe** your first impressions?

- huge strong
- heavy pretty
- tiny friendly
- tall scary

B How does the gatehouse make a visitor **feel**?

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GO THROUGH THE GATEHOUSE INTO THE INNER BAILEY.

C What words **describe** the inside of the castle?

- many buildings spread out massive
- lots of space big house empty
- different-shaped buildings

D What do the buildings **tell** us about how many people lived at the castle?

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View through the gatehouse of the inner bailey.



Castles were the homes of local lords or ladies who governed the area for the king. Castles were also built to control and defend an area against an attack. We are going to look at Carisbrooke's defensive features.

The picture shows **seven** key castle defences at Carisbrooke.

A Draw an arrow to match the label to the defensive feature.

MOAT GATEHOUSE WALL WALK TOWERS

CURTAIN WALL KEEP MOUND or MOTTE

This drawing shows what Carisbrooke Castle would have looked like in the late 14th century.

Imagine that your school is in danger of invasion!

Design a castle to build in your local area to protect your school.

Use this space to **design** your castle:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick yellow border, intended for drawing a castle design.

You can use the information in this booklet to help you decide:

1. **Where** to build your castle
2. **Which** defences you will include
3. **How** to make your castle stand out and impress people from close up and far away