Instructions for Castle Project

Purpose- The layout of the classic 13th century castle was based on protecting the town and the lord's possessions. Most of the innovations brought to castle construction seem simple enough but were highly effective for their time, that is until gunpowder and economics removed castles entirely from the playing field. In this activity, you will identify those innovations that separated castles from other military establishments.

Objective- During your Spring Break, create a castle using one of the two options listed below. You will use your knowledge of castles, as well as outside sources (books, Internet, etc.) to complete this project. Your castle must contain all of the following:

- Gate/Portcullis
- 4 Towers
- "Murder Holes"
- Drawbridge

- Arrow Slits
- Inner/Outer Curtain
- Parapet
- Inner/Outer Ward

- Moat
- Water Well
- Civilian Buildings
- Chapel/Great Hall

You will have two options for completing this project. Please read them carefully to determine which best suits you.

OPTION 1 (75 Points):
You will create a 2-dimensional castle on sheet of graph paper. You will draw your "Dream Castle" from an ARIEL VIEW (looking down on it), as well as a SIDE VIEW. Superior castles will contain all of the above and demonstrate exceptional understanding of these 13th Century structures. Please note the examples that your teacher will be presenting.

OPTION 2 (75 Points PLUS up to 150 Extra Credit Points)
You will create a 3-dimensional castle using your own materials. Your castle may be created using materials found around your home, or from materials purchased at your local home store. Use the additional paperwork handed out during this class to assist you. In addition to demonstrating an exceptional understanding of castle layouts, please read the following important notes:

- Projects cannot be purchased "completed," such as the Lego Builder's sets;
- Identify items on the castle by labeling them with letters and attaching a "Castle Key" showing the items and their corresponding letters;
- Half completed or "ghetto" castles might not be accepted for any credit, which could greatly impact your score.

IMPORTANT: If you choose to create a 3-D castle, you must inform me before the end of the week. You do not have to complete Option 1 if you are completing Option 2!

Please thoroughly read the "Castle Rubric" that I have displayed during this class to assist you. I will be using that rubric to grade your project when you return.