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## Medieval Castles: Fortresses of the Past

### Short Answer Key

1. Defensive features commonly found in medieval castles included drawbridges, gatehouses, arrow slits, and battlements.
2. The layout of medieval castles varied, with a central keep, curtain walls, and often multiple baileys or courtyards. Defensive elements were integrated into the design.
3. The choice of location was crucial because it determined the castle's defensibility, access to resources, and strategic advantages.
4. Construction techniques included quarrying and shaping stones, using wooden scaffolding, and architectural innovations like flying buttresses and crenellations.

