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Read the selection. Then answer the questions that follow.

Castles

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| You might think that castles exist only in fairy tales, but castles are real places | 15 |
| that were used by real people long ago. Castles in Japan and in England did not look | 32 |
| the same, but they were all built as forts to protect people and animals. | 46 |
| English castles were usually built using stone or bricks. Japanese castles were | 58 |
| usually made of wood. In both countries castles had moats, or small rivers, around | 72 |
| them to protect people and animals within the walls. The bridge across the moat | 86 |
| could be pulled up to keep out unwanted people. | 95 |
| Both countries developed a style of castle with inner walls as well as an outer | 110 |
| wall. This meant that an attacker who got past the outer wall would still not reach | 126 |
| the people who lived inside. | 131 |
| In the center of a Japanese castle of this kind was a tower that could be well | 148 |
| defended. The lords of the castle usually lived in another group of buildings. The | 162 |
| warriors lived outside the castle, but nearby in case there was an attack. | 175 |
| In England, living in a castle was like living in a small town. Castles were always | 191 |
| busy places with farmers, animals, and soldiers. | 198 |
| Today castles are not used in the same way that they were used many years ago. | 214 |
| In each country we can visit castles and imagine how people once lived. | 227 |

Turn the page.

Answer the questions below.

1 In both England and Japan, how were the people who lived in castles alike?

- They were warriors who defended the castle.
- They were farmers who kept cows and pigs.
- They were people who were protected by the castle walls.
- They had no other place to live.

2 What is one way that a castle in Japan was different from a castle in England?

- It had a moat.
- It was built as a fort.
- It was built with inner and outer walls.
- It was made of wood.

3 Why did people build castles?

- to create better farms
- to protect themselves
- to make fairy tales come true
- to have a quiet place to live

4 How are castles in Japan and England alike?

- Both had inner and outer walls and moats.
- Both had lords and ladies and warriors living in them.
- They were made of the same materials.
- They looked the same.

5 What is probably the main difference between the use of castles today and the use of castles long ago?

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