

ISLE *of* WIGHT



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NOTES FOR TEACHERS

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Life in Tudor Times

These sheets are based on things which can be seen at Carisbrooke Castle, Isle of Wight. As Carisbrooke is a medieval castle with later Charles I associations, its resources fit most comfortably with key stage 3 medieval and Civil War studies. However, as these activity sheets show, it does illustrate aspects of Tudor life and can therefore be used as a key stage 2 resource.

The Mansion

Sir George Carey was a cousin of Queen Elizabeth I and was sent to the Isle of Wight, a vulnerable area, to organise its defence against the threat of Spanish invasion. As Captain of the Isle of Wight, Carey lived in Carisbrooke Castle. This was an ancient building dating back to Norman times, and therefore out of date from the point of view of both defence and comfort. Carey was responsible for the building of new castle defences which made Carisbrooke one of the most modern fortifications in the country. Carey's defences were designed to stand up to an artillery attack. They completely surrounded the old Norman castle, which would have been effective against medieval siege techniques like towers and rams but not against gunpowder. Carey also expected to live in style. He had a large household which included his own private orchestra, and he entertained on a grand scale. He therefore had a mansion built in the castle courtyard, and this is the building - now in ruins - we are looking at in this worksheet.

The Bed

The central doorway opened into an entrance hall with a ground floor room on each side. A wide staircase led from the entrance hall to the upper floor. The upper floor had a room on each side and a long gallery at the back. The walls of the rooms would have been panelled with wood and the furniture would have been richly carved. There are several examples of this style of furniture in Carisbrooke Castle Museum, including the bed featured in this worksheet.

The Gun

The Carisbrooke gun, shown in this worksheet, was made in the reign of Henry VIII. At that time, each parish on the Island provided and maintained its own gun as a defence against invasion. The gun is muzzle-loading and fired 3 lb shot.

FOLLOW-UP WORK

Further activities could develop some of the key elements required for key stage 2 history. Carey's house could be placed in the context of the castle's history in order to show how it relates to a chronological framework. Historic sites and museums are of course excellent resources for generating questions, developing skills of observation, deduction and inference. They are also useful for illustrating concepts of historical evidence and its limitations; for example, pupils could study the artist's drawing of the mansion on sheet 1 and make a list of:

- 1 the pieces of evidence the artist could have seen at the castle
- 1 the things in the drawing he could be reasonably sure about
- 1 the things he had to guess. Then pupils could compare the drawing with pictures of other Elizabethan mansions.

Carisbrooke Castle may be visited free of charge by pre-booked schools groups.
For information and an application form, phone English Heritage on 01983 280201.

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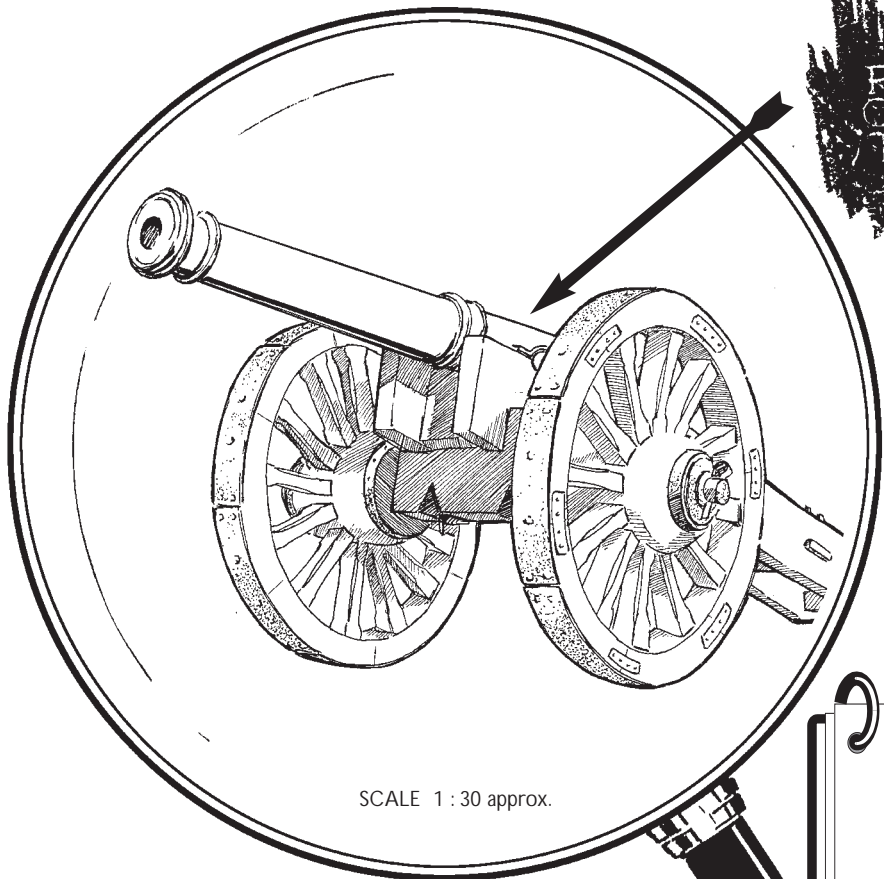
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In Tudor times, each Isle of Wight parish was supposed to keep a gun, in case the Island was invaded. This is the Carisbrooke parish gun. It is now in Carisbrooke Castle Museum.

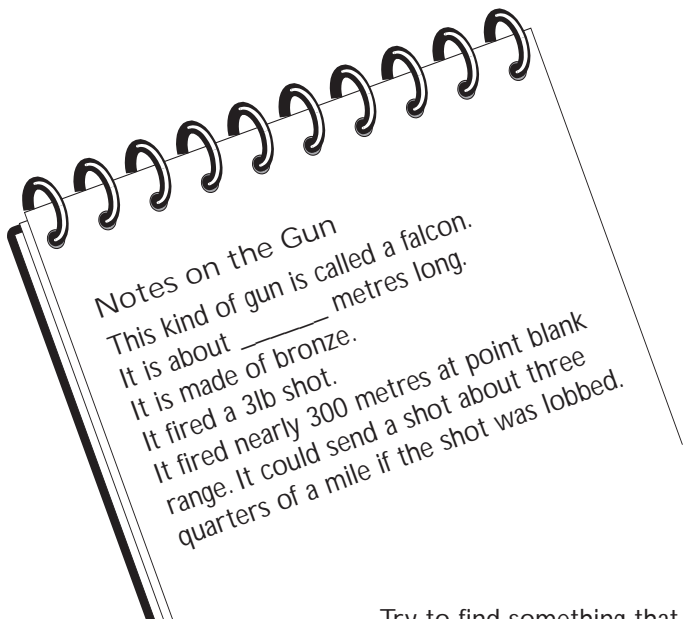
The Gun



SCALE 1 : 30 approx.



Write this in modern English here.



Notes on the Gun

This kind of gun is called a falcon.
It is about _____ metres long.

It is made of bronze.
It fired a 3lb shot.

It fired nearly 300 metres at point blank range. It could send a shot about three quarters of a mile if the shot was lobbed.

Try to find something that weighs about 3lb - that's a bit less than 1.4kg.

Look at a map to find a landmark that's about three quarters of a mile from your school.

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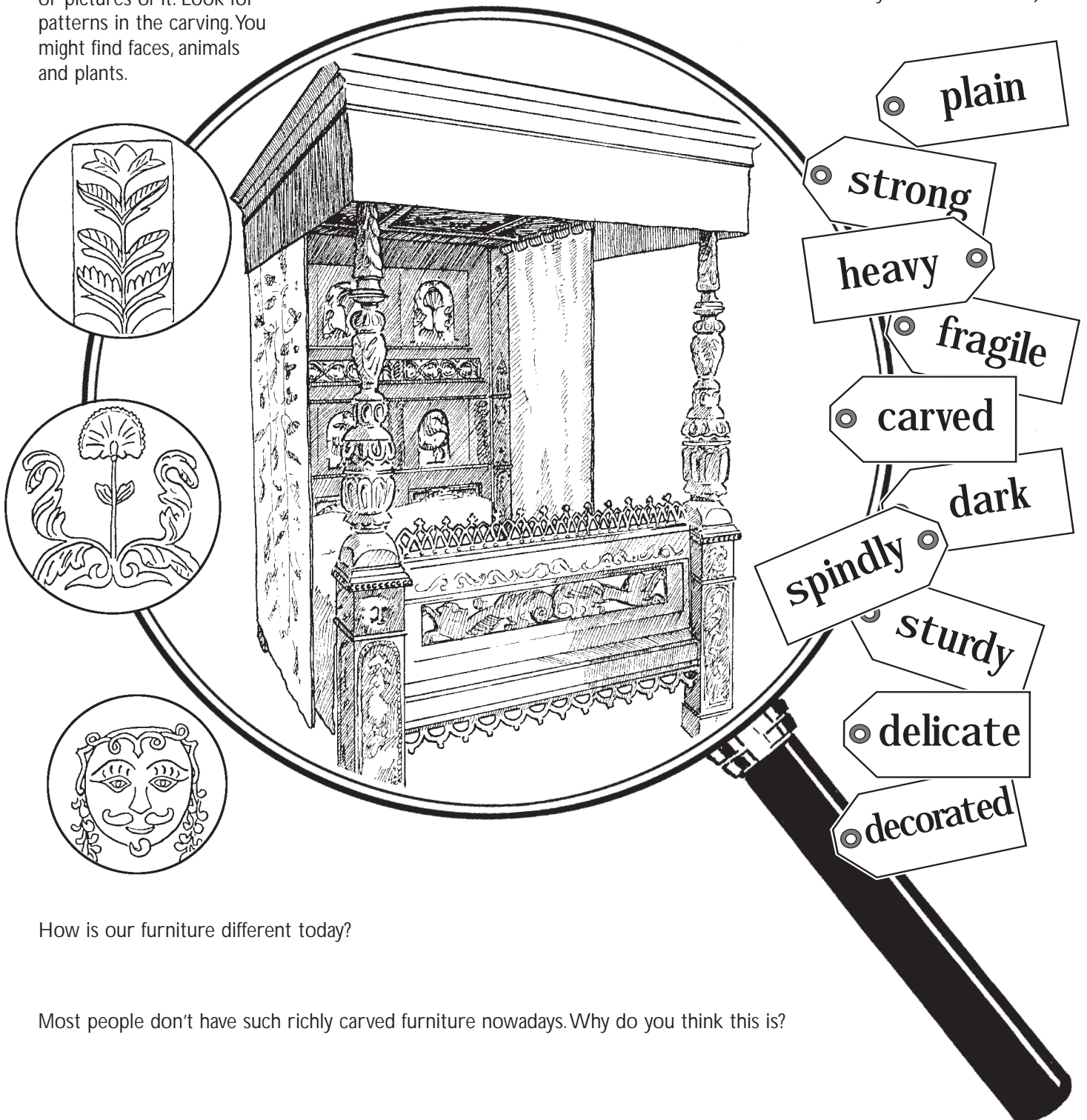
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The Bed

George Carey's mansion in Carisbrooke Castle had large rooms with wood-panelled walls. The furniture was richly carved, like this bed in Carisbrooke Castle Museum.

Look at Elizabethan furniture - or pictures of it. Look for patterns in the carving. You might find faces, animals and plants.

Which of these words do you think best describe Elizabethan furniture? (Colour the labels with the words you think are best.)



How is our furniture different today?

Most people don't have such richly carved furniture nowadays. Why do you think this is?

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The Mansion

Sir George Carey lived in Carisbrooke Castle on the Isle of Wight in the time of Queen Elizabeth I. He was very rich and built himself a new mansion inside the castle.



This is what we think his mansion looked like!

What evidence do we have?

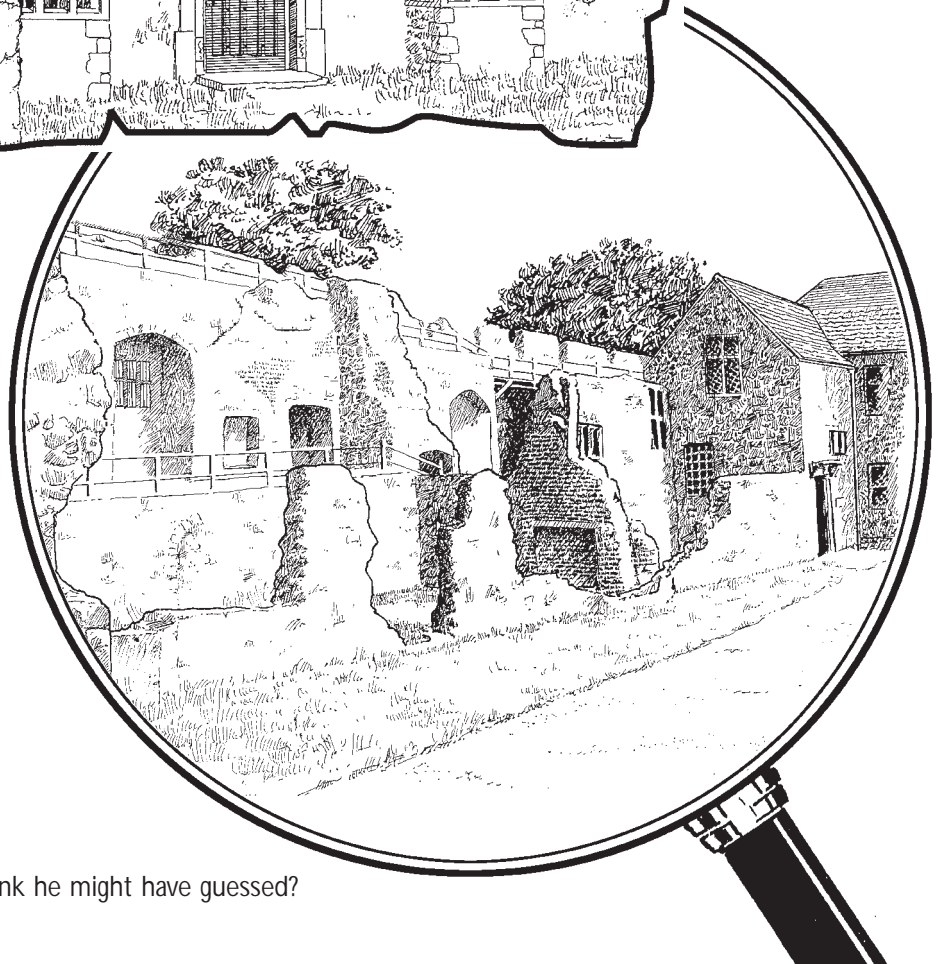
Look at the ruins!

These are the ruins of George Carey's mansion.

Look for the clues:

- 1 the door
- 1 the fireplace
- 1 the bay windows
- 1 the upper storey
- 1 the building materials

What other evidence do you think the artist might have used?



What bits of the drawing do you think he might have guessed?