

Scotland's Castles

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Draw Your Own Encyclopaedia Scotland's Castles is a new book in the *Draw Your Own Encyclopaedia* series aimed at six to twelve years olds. Each individual book in this series forms a subject-specific chapter of the overall encyclopaedia. They are designed to encourage children to think about the world around them, and to learn how to search for information on the internet and from books, while having a little bit of fun.

Draw Your Own Encyclopaedia Scotland's Castles provides an interesting, but educational, introduction to a variety of aspects of Scotland's many and varied castles, along with quick facts, questions you can answer and, at the end, a pop quiz to test the knowledge which has been gained by reading this book.

So far, this may seem like any other factual book, but unlike almost every other such book, children are allowed to draw in this one. In fact, they are actively encouraged to do so! Through this, they become the illustrator of their very own encyclopaedia chapter all about Scotland's castles.

By engaging children in a variety of fun activities, such as drawing, answering questions and reading quick facts, this encourages them to take in and retain information without necessarily realising that they are engaged in learning.

As well as being an educational activity book for children, this book is also a resource for educators looking to provide history-based fun classroom activities for their students. To aid with this, this book is supported by an optional educator's licence that allows educators to legally photocopy its contents to create classroom hand-outs and suggestions for additional fun classroom activities to accompany them (available through the publisher's website). In addition, the interactive nature of these books, and the need to search for suitable images online on which to base the required drawings for the book, provides the perfect starting point for discussing online safety, and how to judge the trustworthiness of information that can be found online.

About The Author: Dr Colin M. Drysdale is a scientist, STEM ambassador, educationalist and author. This book, and indeed the whole *Draw Your Own Encyclopaedia* series, allows him to combine these interests into a single project.

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