Castle attack strategies

There were many different strategies and weapons used to attack castles. These included:

* **Ladders** - The enemy would try to climb over castle walls, using ladders.
* **Fire** - Early castles were made of wood, so they were easy to attack by setting fire to them.
* **Battering ram** - A large log that was hit against the castle walls to weaken them.
* **Catapult** - Catapults, or trebuchets, threw large stones and burning objects at the castle. They were sometimes used to throw decapitated heads into the castle, as a threat or to spread disease.
* **Mining** - The enemy would mine tunnels under the castle walls and then use gunpowder to create explosions, causing the walls above to crumble.
* **Siege** - The enemy would surround the castle, stopping those inside from being able to leave or receive food and supplies from outside. A siege could last for months. The people in the castle would eventually run out of food and surrender.