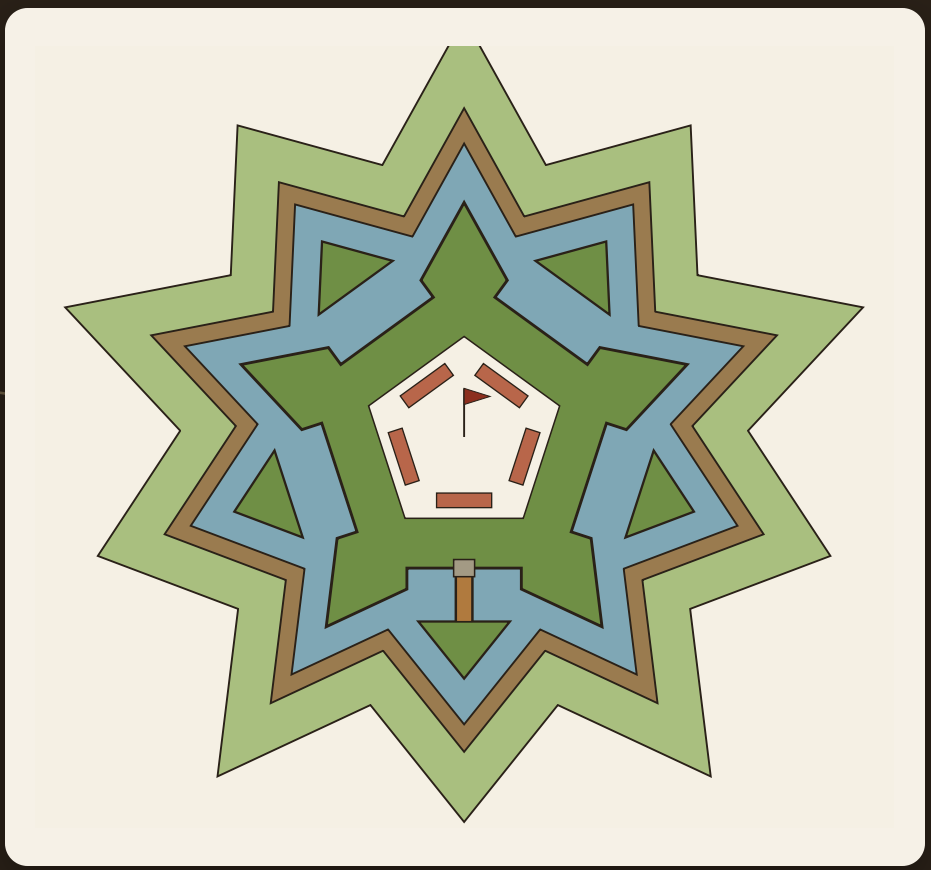
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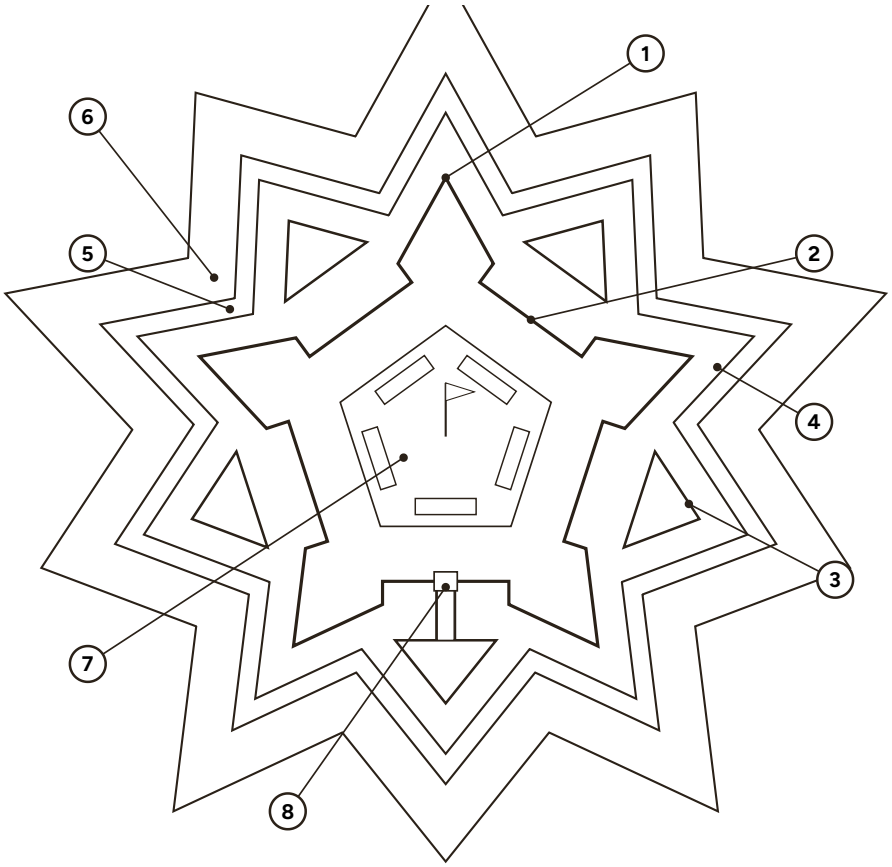
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Label the star fort

From the KS2 Topic Pack. Answers: 1. bastion · 2. curtain wall · 3. ravelin · 4. ditch · 5. covered way · 6. glacis · 7. parade ground · 8. gate



A star fort seen from above. Our own simplified drawing, not to scale, not a copy of any real fort, site plan, map or photograph.

Word bank: bastion · covered way · curtain wall · ditch · gate · glacis · parade ground · ravelin

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FROM THE POSTER SET

The star forts timeline

From the end of the 15th century to 2017

END OF THE 15TH CENTURY
Metal cannonballs come into general use; Italian engineers design the bastioned system (Network of Vauban's Major Sites)

1539 TO 1540
Henry VIII's D-shaped gun tower is built at Tilbury (English Heritage)

1558
Mary I sends Sir Richard Lee to build bastions at Berwick (English Heritage)

1580
William of Orange orders a five-bastion fort at Bourtange (Fortress Bourtange)

1588
Elizabeth I rallies her army near Tilbury (English Heritage)

1593
The Venetians found Palmanova (italia.it)

1633
Vauban is born (Network of Vauban's Major Sites)

CIVIL WARS, 1640S
Forts with pointed bastions become established in Britain (Historic Environment Scotland)

1667
The Dutch navy attacks the river Medway (English Heritage)

1670
Work begins on Tilbury Fort (English Heritage)

1672
Building begins on the Castillo de San Marcos (US National Park Service)

1699
Building begins at Neuf-Brisach (Network of Vauban's Major Sites)

1707
Vauban dies in Paris, aged 74 (Network of Vauban's Major Sites)

1740
General Oglethorpe bombards the Castillo for 27 days (US National Park Service)

1742
Bourtange reaches its greatest size (Fortress Bourtange)

1781
Fort Charlotte is re-established and named (Historic Environment Scotland)

1814
British ships bombard Fort McHenry for 25 hours (US National Park Service)

1851
Bourtange closes as a fortress (Fortress Bourtange)

1864
Goryokaku, Japan's first Western-style fort, is completed (Japan National Tourism Organization)

1916
Tilbury's guns help shoot down a raiding Zeppelin (English Heritage)

1967 TO 1992
Bourtange is reconstructed (Fortress Bourtange)

2008
The Fortifications of Vauban join the World Heritage List (UNESCO)

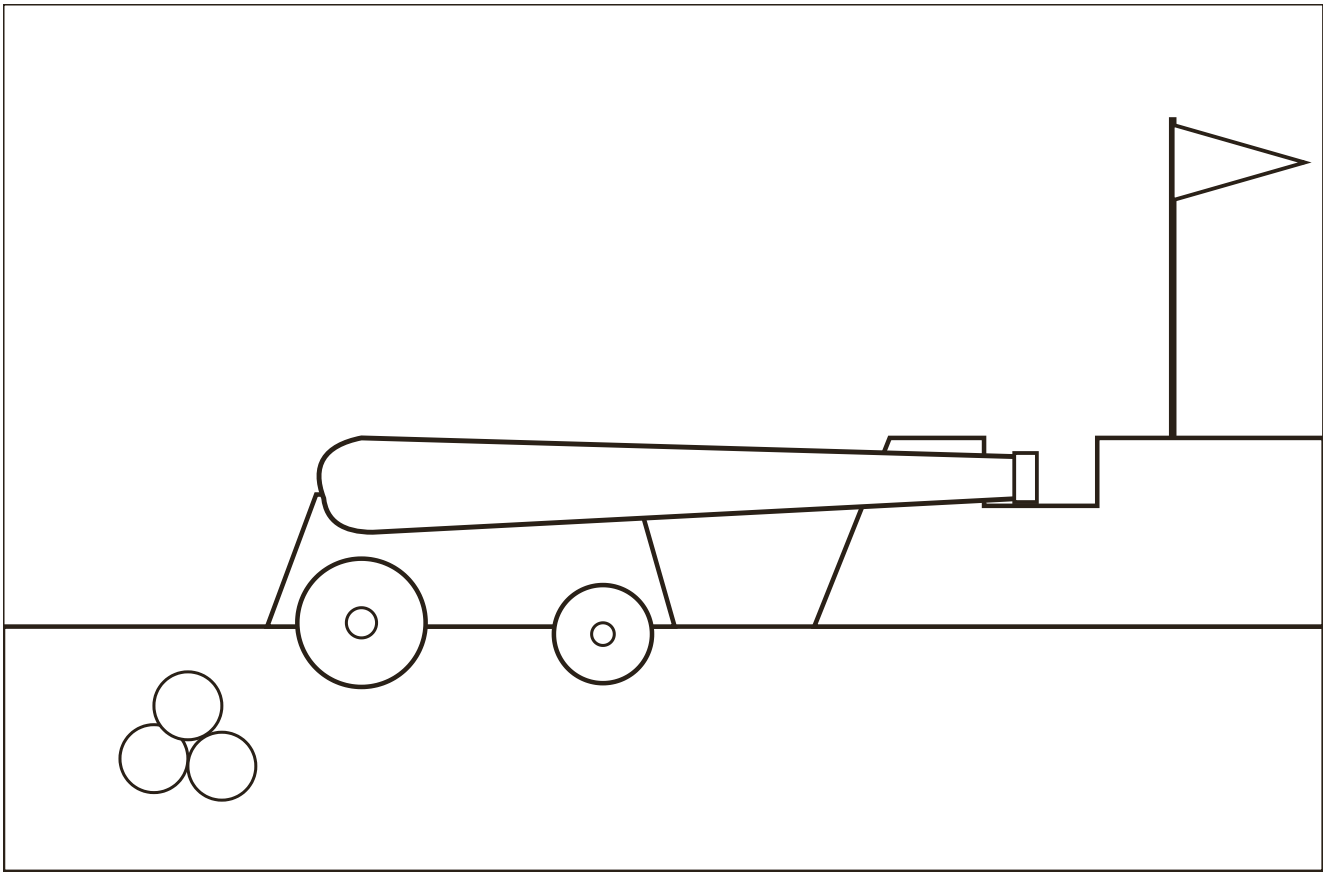
2010
The Hakodate Magistrate's Office reopens at Goryokaku (Japan National Tourism Organization)

2017
The Venetian Works of Defence join the World Heritage List (UNESCO)

FROM THE FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

A cannon behind a parapet

A big gun, a wooden carriage and a pile of cannonballs



Embrasure: an opening designed for a cannon.

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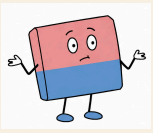
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