



BERRY CASTLE BRAIN BUSTER



ANSWER SHEET

*- Ace archaeologist questions

1. How Old is Berry Castle?
2600 years old
2. How was Berry Castle defended? What materials were used?
Banks and ditches/stone
3. What might Berry Castle have been used for?
stock enclosure, market place, rituals, defended settlement
4. *Which one do you think it could be? Why?

5. When did the Iron Age begin in Britain?
600BCE
6. What type of job did the iron Age people do?
Farming
7. What materials were used for the roundhouses?
Wood, stone, wattle and daub, thatch
8. What were the simple ploughs called?
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9. What did the people eat?
Wheat, barley, oats, meat, fish, fruit, game
10. What did they do with the left over crops and craftwork?
Traded with neighbours, or exported to Europe
11. *What would it have been like, inside a roundhouse?
12. *What are the main differences between farming then and now?

13. Where is the nearby Bronze Age cemetery?

Darracott

14. Who excavated the Huntshaw dagger and when?

George Doe / 1875

15. When did the dagger date from?

1650 – 1400 BCE

16. What other unusual ancient weapon was found in Torrington?

Spearhead from Cyprus

17. Which settlement may have been the site of a Saxon and Viking battle?

Castle Hill (878 AD)

18. Where would you find a Roman marching camp?

Higher Kingdon

19. *Why do you think people settled in the Torridge valley?

20. Which side of Berry Castle was the gateway entrance?

West side

21. What might the 19th century trackway, have been used for?

Taking away cut timber

22. What structure may have stood on top of the banks?

Hurdle fence or palisade

23. Why was a small bank used on the outside of the outer ditch?

To make the ditch look deeper

24. *Why do you think the people spent o much time and energy on building an impressive gateway and banks?

Well done for finding the answers to the Berry Castle Brain Buster!

How did you get on?