



# 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?  
*Ard*
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 19<sup>th</sup> 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?**