Use the graphic below to plan your paragraph. Write ideas beside each finger.

Adjectives to describe warfare:
- brutal
- bloody
- futile
- tactical
- well-conceived
- carefully planned
- challenging
- cruel
- savage
- strategic
- psychological
- complex

Nouns for referring to siege warfare:
- the besieging army
- the garrison
- the castle
- a battle of wits
- disease
- hunger
- mortal danger
- biological warfare

Referring to opposing ideas:
- in spite of
- despite
- although
- even though

Making additional points:
- furthermore
- moreover

An INTRODUCTORY sentence about siege warfare

A CLOSING SENTENCE to sum up your ideas

At least one EXAMPLE to illustrate your points so far

At least one REASON to underpin your points so far
Sample Paragraph about Siege Warfare

Write the words or phrases in the box below next to the word or phrase in the text with a similar meaning.

besieging army • boredom • defenders • fight • fortification
invincible • risky • savage • sickness • upper hand

Siege warfare was a challenging, dangerous and often futile experience, especially for the attackers.

The soldiers outside were exposed to the arrows and siege engines of the garrison inside the castle – a far more defensible position.

During the Hundred Years War, there were numerous sieges, each entailing brutal and bloody conflict. The besieging army suffered discomfort, disease, hunger and tedium. The defending garrisons, though in a less vulnerable position, also experienced a tense and bitter struggle.

Since the castle had been designed to be impregnable, at least until gunpowder and cannons made their appearance, it was difficult for the besieging army to break through the castle's defences.

Each side tried to gain the advantage by new tactics, but generally the only (mostly) unharmed character in this story was the castle itself.