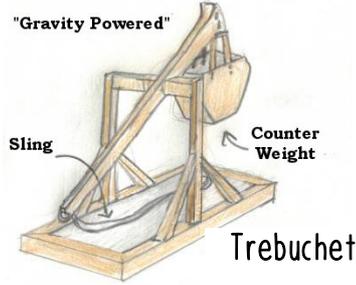


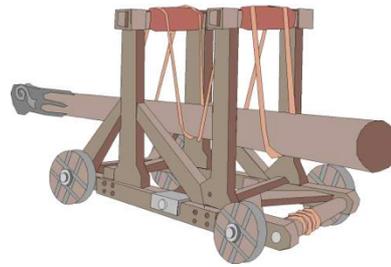
Siege Warfare



A belfry or siege tower



Trebuchet

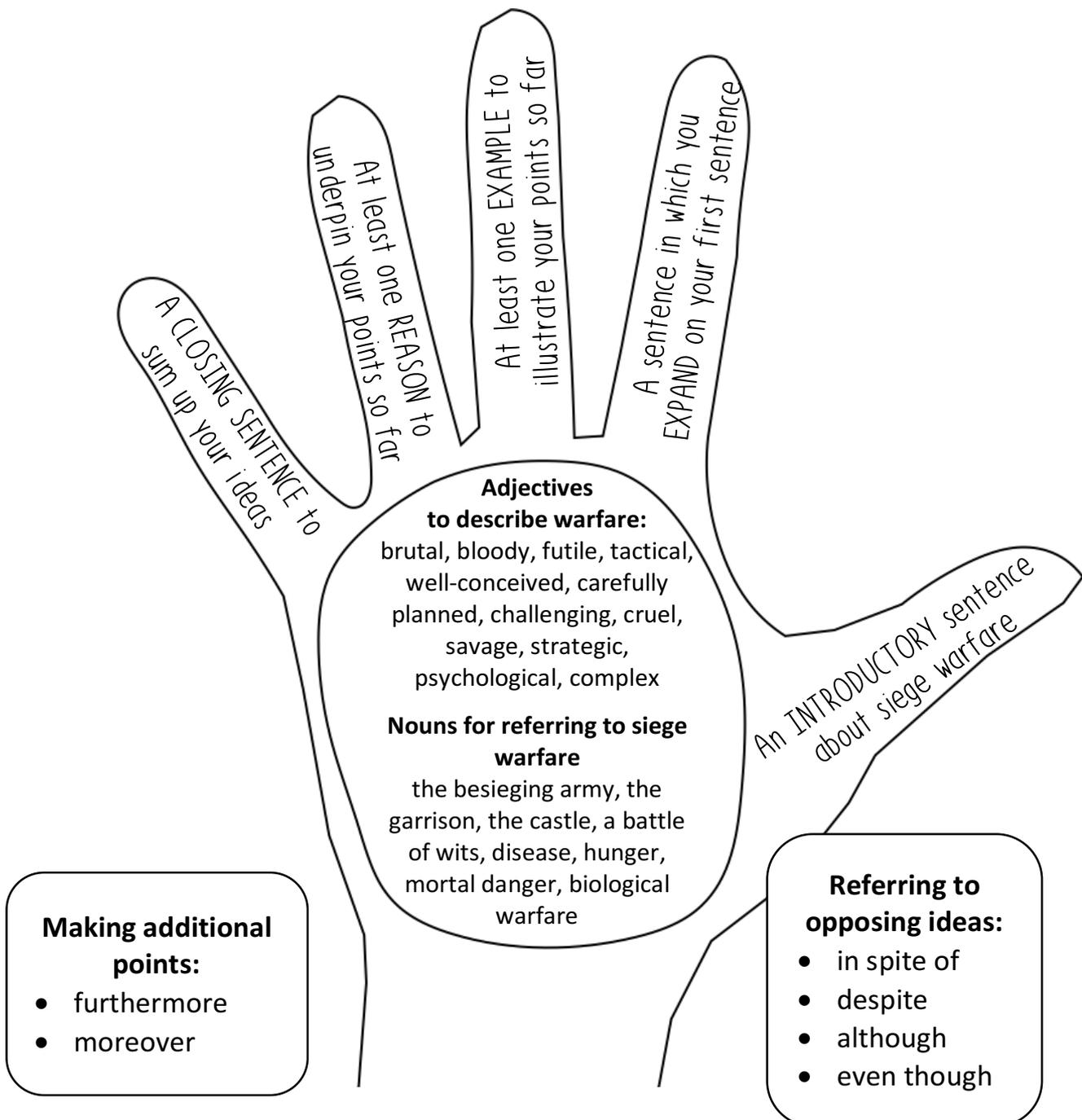


Battering ram



Portcullis

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



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.