

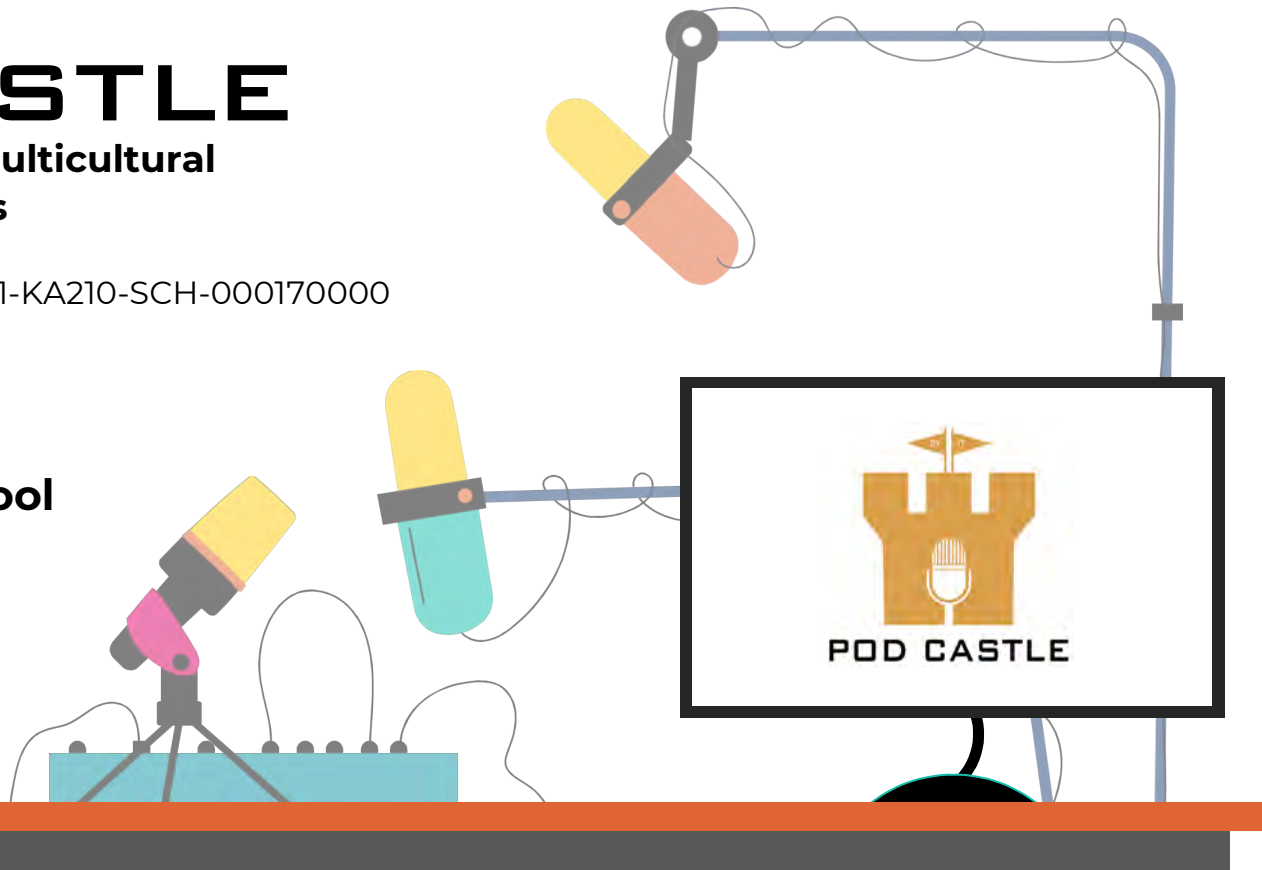
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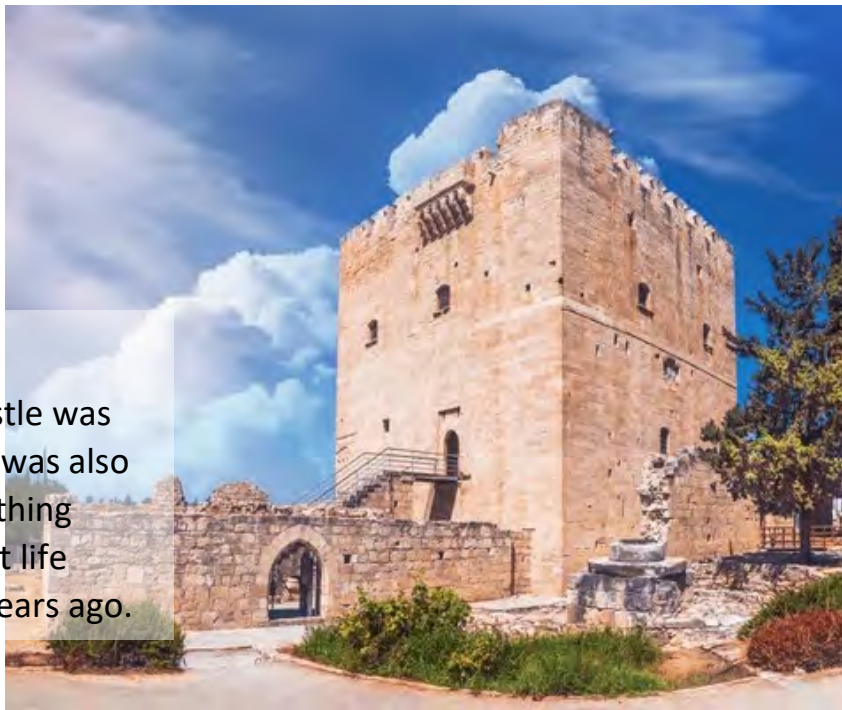
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Life in Kolossi Castle: A Look Back in Time

Long ago, on the sunny island of Cyprus, Kolossi Castle was built. It wasn't just a fortress to keep people safe; it was also a home, a workplace, and even a place where something sweet and tasty was made! Let's take a peek at what life might have been like in Kolossi Castle hundreds of years ago.



The Strong Tower

Kolossi Castle was famous for its tall, square tower. From the top, you could see for miles: fields of sugarcane, vineyards, and the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea. Guards stood on the tower, watching out for ships or enemies. The thick stone walls protected everyone inside from attacks, making it a safe and secure place to live.

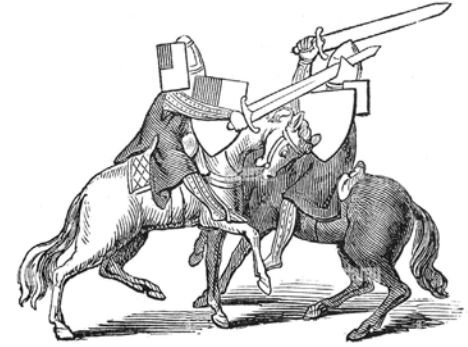




Knights of the Castle

The castle was run by a group of knights called the Knights of the Order of St. John. These knights were brave warriors and they were also farmers and traders. They grew crops like sugarcane, grapes, and olives and made goods that they traded with other countries.

The knights trained in the courtyard, practiced with their swords, and rode their horses to patrol the nearby villages. But they also made sure the castle was a peaceful and happy place for the people who lived and worked there.



The Sweet Smell of Sugar

Kolossi Castle was famous for making sugar! In those days, sugar was a rare and precious treat. Near the castle, there were sugarcane fields, and the workers crushed the canes to make a thick, sweet syrup. This syrup was then cooked and turned into sugar. Some of it was used in the castle kitchens to make desserts, while the rest was sold to traders who carried it to other parts of Europe.



Can you imagine the sweet smell of sugar filling the air around the castle?

Daily Life in the Castle

Life in Kolossi Castle was busy!

In the kitchen, cooks prepared meals with fresh ingredients like bread, fish, and fruits. In the storerooms, workers kept barrels of wine made from the grapes grown in the vineyards.



Children in the castle had chores, too. They might feed the chickens, sweep the courtyard, or help carry water from the well.

Sometimes, they learned new skills. Girls might help in the kitchens or gardens, while boys practiced sword fighting or archery.



But there was also time for fun! They played with carved wooden toys or pretended to be knights, defending the castle walls. They played games like tag or made up stories about knights and dragons.



The Great Hall

Every evening, the castle's Great Hall came alive with laughter and music. Long tables were set with roasted meats, fresh bread, and sweet wine. The knights and their families gathered to eat, talk, and enjoy songs played on lutes and flutes.

During feasts, storytellers would share tales of brave knights and far-off adventures. The flickering light from the candles made the room feel magical.



The Vineyards and Commandaria Wine

Kolossi Castle was also famous for making Commandaria, a sweet wine loved by kings and queens. The grapes were grown in the nearby vineyards, and after they were picked, they were dried in the sun to make them even sweeter.

The wine was stored in barrels in the castle's cellars and shipped all over the world. It was so special that it's still made in Cyprus today, just like it was back then!



Kolossi Castle Today

Today, Kolossi Castle still stands tall, a reminder of the exciting history of Cyprus. We can climb to the top of the tower, walk through the courtyard, and imagine what life was like hundreds of years ago.

We might close our eyes and picture knights in shining armor, the smell of sugar and fresh bread, and the laughter of children playing in the sunlit courtyard.





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