



The Abbey Site

Name:- _____

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1. Looking at the Abbey site why do you think the abbey was built here?

think about:-

- how far is the abbey from the nearest village? what is its name?
- how close is the abbey to the mountains?
- how many rivers flow past the abbey? can you name them
- was there enough space for the building?
- how quiet is the place?
- do you think anything was here before the abbey?
- Is the place where your home has been built different from the abbey?



Write your answer here:-

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think about:-

- where were the cloisters?
- was there a roof over all of the cloisters? (look carefully at the reconstruction drawing)
- what were the buildings around the cloister used for and how were they used?
- would there have been places to sit down?
- what would there have been in the centre of the cloisters?
- who would have been allowed to go into the cloisters?



Write your answer here:-

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Can you find any of these different shapes around the abbey and where have you found them?

Shape	yes/no	where did you find the shape?
circle		
square		
rectangle		
cross		
diamond		
octagon		
arch		

draw any other shapes you can find.

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