Where was the best place to build a castle?

The first Norman castles were made of wood and needed to be built on firm ground where there were good views of any attacking armies. They needed a water supply and good farmland to grow crops and for animals to graze on. Look at the pictures and finish the sentences to explain why building a castle on or near each of these would be a good idea.



A hill would be a good place to build a castle because
It would be good to build a castle near a river because
It would be good to build a castle near good farmland because
It would be good to build a castle near a forest because