Siege of a Castle, A.D. 1000

Your mission is to conquer an enemy castle. It won’t be easy. The castle defenders are waiting along the castle walls, ready to strike back. You march up with all of the soldiers and equipment you think you need. You then finalize the invasion plans with your men and begin your attack.

How will you take over the castle?

Large, mobile wooden towers gave attacking forces a closer shot at the enemy and enabled troops to jump over the castle wall.

What might be a way for castle defenders to combat this weapon?

Attackers used such weapons as a trebuchet, which slung heavy rocks at the enemy.

What might be the advantages and disadvantages of using long-range weapons?
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Castle defenders repelled attackers by shooting arrows and dumping boiling water and oil on those who got too close. What made trying to capture a castle so difficult?