bastion

['bæstien] n

- 1) воен. бастион
- 2) оплот

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bas-tion [bastion bastions] BrE ['bæstiən] NAmE ['bæstiən] noun

- 1. (formal) a group of people or a system that protects a way of life or a belief when it seems that it may disappear
- · a bastion of male privilege
- · a bastion of freedom
- 2. a place that military forces are defending
 - Singapore was the last bastion of British defences in South-East Asia.

Word Origin:

mid 16th cent .: from French, from Italian bastione, from bastire 'build' .

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bas ti on /'bæstien \$ -t [en/ BrE AmE noun [countable]

- [Date: 1500-1600, Language: French; Origin: bastille 'strong building, castle', from Old Provençal bastida, from bastir 'to build']
- 1. something that protects a way of life, principle etc that seems likely to change or end completely
 - bastion of

These clubs are the last bastions of male privilege.

- 2. a place where a country or army has strong military defences:
- Pearl Harbor was the principal American bastion in the Pacific.
- 3. technical a part of a castle wall that sticks out from the rest

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