

Robin Hood

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Preview Questions

1. Do you know who Robin Hood is?
2. In which country do you think Robin Hood lived?
3. What do you think this story will be about?

In England many years ago, there was a good king. His name was Richard, and the people loved him. One day, King Richard left England. He had to fight in a war in another country. His brother, John, ruled in



his place. Prince John was a bad man. He took away the houses and lands of the poor people and gave them to his friends. He killed anyone who did not obey him.

Many men had nowhere to live. Some of them lived in a forest. Prince John said they were **outlaws**. One of these men stood out from the rest.

“I was a rich man, and I gave to the poor,” this man told the other men. “Prince John does not like me. He took my lands and gave them to his friends. Now he wants to kill me.”

He turned to a beautiful woman who was standing by his side.

“This is Marion,” he said. “She loves me, and I love her. Her father will not let her marry me. He is afraid



of Prince John, but one day we will be married.”

“What is your name?” one of the men asked.

“Call me Robin Hood. It is not my real name, but it is the name you must use.”

The men wanted a leader. They liked Robin Hood.

“We want you as our leader!” they **shouted**.

“Very well,” Robin Hood replied. “I will be your leader. We will live together in the forest. We will all wear green clothes. We will stay here until good King Richard returns. He will give us back our lands and houses.”

“We need some money, Robin,” one of the men said. His name was Will. “I was your servant until Prince John took your lands. I hid some of your gold in your house before we left. Let me go to your house and get it.”

“You must be careful, Will,” Robin Hood said. “The **sheriff** obeys the prince. He will hang you if he catches you.”

“I’ll be careful, Robin,” Will said. “I’ll take Much with me.”

Much was the youngest of the outlaws. He was a good and brave boy.

Will and Much went into the town. The sheriff's men were everywhere. They were looking for Robin Hood and the other outlaws.

5 Will and Much got into Robin's house without the sheriff's men seeing them. Will found the gold and put some of it in a bag. He gave this to Much. The boy ran off. Will put some gold and jewels under his clothes. Then he left the house.

10 Later, when Will came out of the house, the sheriff's men saw him. He tried to run away, but they caught him. They took him to the sheriff.

"Who are you? What were you doing in Robin Hood's house?" the sheriff asked him.

15 "I was his servant," Will said. "I was trying to get some of my things from his house."

"I have no quarrel with you," the sheriff said. "My quarrel is with Robin Hood. You may go."

20 Then one of the sheriff's men said, "How do we know the things are his? Perhaps they are Robin Hood's."

"You may be right," the sheriff said. "Search him!"

The men searched Will and found the gold.

"If you are a poor servant, then that gold must not be yours!" the Sheriff yelled angrily. "It is Robin Hood's."

You must be one of his men. You are an outlaw and you will hang tomorrow.”

Much was waiting for Will in the forest. When Will did not come, Much went back into town. He met a friend.

“Where is Will?” he asked him.

“The sheriff’s men took him,” the friend answered. “The sheriff will hang him tomorrow.”

Much ran back into the forest. He ran as fast as he could to the outlaws’ camp.

“Will is in **prison**,” he told Robin. “The sheriff will hang him tomorrow!”

“We must rescue Will,” Robin said.

The next day Robin put on a **beggar’s** old and dirty clothes. Then he went into town.

Robin waited near the **gallows**. A crowd of people was waiting. They wanted to see the hanging.

Soon the sheriff’s men brought Will from the prison. The sheriff asked, “Where is the **hangman**? He should be here.”

He sent one of his men to get the hangman. The man soon came back.

“The hangman is drunk,” the man said. “He cannot

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1. Work with your classmates. What do these words make you think of? Write as much as you can to fill in the blanks.

The stories about Robin Hood are some of the first tales that children hear about heroes. The stories of Robin Hood began long ago, but people the world over have written books or made movies about him. The first mention of Robin Hood in a document was in about 1200 CE. However, the stories have been around much longer than that.

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Robin Hood Meets the Outlaws

I. Are these sentences correct? Write "T" for true and "F" for false.

1. ____ Prince John was a bad man.
2. ____ Prince John became the leader of the outlaws.
3. ____ Will and Much were not able to get into Robin's house.
4. ____ Will was caught by the sheriff.
5. ____ The beggar who rescued Will was really Robin Hood.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did many people become outlaws?
 - a. Prince John took all their sons away.
 - b. Prince John took their land and money.
 - c. Prince John sent his brother into the woods.
 - d. Prince John killed Robin.

2. Why was Will going to hang?
 - a. The sheriff knew he was a bad man.
 - b. The men did not like him.
 - c. Will took the sheriff's money.
 - d. Will was an outlaw and a friend of Robin.

3. Who said he would do anything for money?

a. A soldier	b. A beggar
c. A policeman	d. A prince

4. What happened to Will?
 - a. He was rescued by Robin.
 - b. He was hanged on the gallows.
 - c. He ran away from Robin.
 - d. He was killed by a beggar.

III. Write the correct word in each blank.

afraid	beggar	gallows	hangman	hid
sheriff	search	rope	quarrel	jewels

- The outlaws _____ in the forest so that the sheriff couldn't easily find them.
- The outlaws had no _____ over who would be the leader.
- _____ are worth a lot of money.
- Will was not _____ to sneak into Robin's house.
- The guards were told to _____ Will for the gold.
- Will would have to hang on the _____ for being an outlaw.
- A(n) _____ is a very poor person who has no money and no home.
- The _____ is a person whose job is to execute criminals.
- A(n) _____ can be tied into knots and used for many purposes.
- Robin and the _____ were enemies.

IV. Write the sentences in the correct order.

- The sheriff planned to hang him.
- Robin Hood was made an outlaw by Prince John.
- Robin Hood rescued him from the gallows.
- The sheriff arrested one of the outlaws.
- He went to live in the forest with other outlaws and became their leader.

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Robin Hood Meets Little John

I. Put the sentences in order from 1 (first) to 5 (last).

- _____ Robin and Little John met while crossing the bridge.
- _____ Little John joined the outlaws.
- _____ The abbot got his money back.
- _____ Robin Hood gave the knight the money to repay the loan.
- _____ A poor knight visited Robin and his men.

II. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Robin and Little John fight on the bridge?

- a. They both wanted to cross first.
- b. They both wanted to see the knight.
- c. They wanted to visit the greedy abbot.
- d. They both wanted to be outlaws.

2. Why was Little John in the forest?

- a. He was sent by the sheriff.
- b. He wanted to join Robin.
- c. He was looking for a fight.
- d. He wanted a new name.

3. Why did Robin give the knight money?

- a. The knight's family was going to lose their home.
- b. The knight wanted food.
- c. The abbot was coming for dinner.
- d. The knight's horse threw him off.

4. What did the knight do with the money?

- a. He paid his son.
- b. He repaid the abbot.
- c. He bought dinner.
- d. He bought a new horse.