



Robin Hood

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Teacher's Pack for Elementary
Schools

1. See if you can match these words with the pictures.

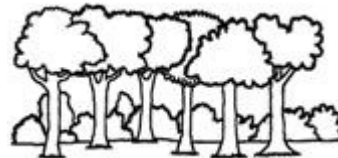


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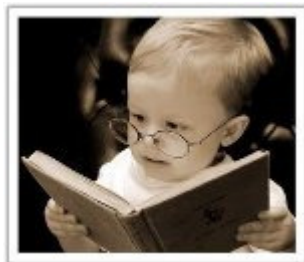


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| RICH | POOR | FOREST | VILLAGERS | LORD | MONEY |
| KING | BEAUTIFUL | GREEDY | BOW | ARROW | |
| BRAVE | CHURCH | CLEVER | FIGHT | LAND | |

2. BEFORE YOU READ...

a). What do you know about Robin Hood? Tell your teacher

b). In exercise 1, which are words for

i) people

ii) places

iii) adjectives

c). Find two words for things people use when they fight

d). Which do you want to be?

brave

greedy

poor

rich

beautiful

clever

3. Now read the story. Ask your teacher to help with difficult words.

Robin Hood

Robin Hood was born in the forest, and he lives in the forest for most of his life. His story is hundreds of years old. In Robin Hood's time, in England, many people live in small villages on the lands of important Norman lords (from Normandy, now in France). Other people live on church lands. Life is hard for these villagers because they have to give money and food to their lord and to the church.

So village people love to hear stories about Robin Hood. Robin Hood is clever, strong and brave. He loves adventure and he likes to fight. He takes money from rich people and gives it to the poor villagers.

There are lots of famous Robin Hood stories. They are about beautiful Lady Marian, his friend Little John, Friar Tuck, the greedy Sheriff of Nottingham, good King Richard, and his bad brother, Prince John.

Many countries have stories about brave and clever heroes. But is Robin Hood only a story? Perhaps Robin was a real person and perhaps not. King Richard is real. He is King of England from 1189 to 1199. He goes to fight in Jerusalem. When he is away, his brother Prince John is the most important man in England.

The stories say that Robin Hood lives with his men in Sherwood Forest, near the town of Nottingham. Sherwood Forest and Nottingham are about two hundred kilometres north of London. Many people there say that Robin Hood really lives in the forest.

Question

Do you have a (real or imaginary) hero like Robin Hood in your country? What is his/her name? When did they live? What do they do? Who are their friends?



4. Robin lives in Nottingham. Can you find Nottingham on the map?

5. There are three countries in Great Britain. What are their names?
 1..... 2..... 3.....

6. 1 more country makes Great Britain into the United Kingdom. What is it?

7. What are the capital cities of the four countries (they are all on the map!)
 1..... 2..... 3..... 4.....

8. There are lots of films about Robin Hood. Have you seen any? See if you can match the pictures with the film titles. Don't worry if you don't know. Your teacher can help you.

A) *Robin Hood* (by Walt Disney)

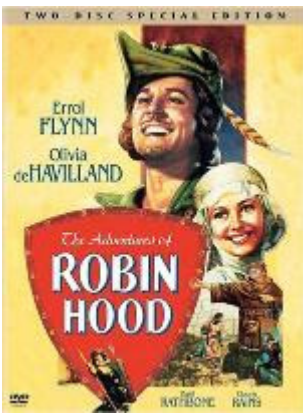
B) *Robin Hood Prince of Thieves* (with Kevin Costner)

C) *Robin Hood Men in Tights* (Comedy)

D) *Robin Hood* (with Russell Crowe)

E) *The Adventures of Robin Hood* (an old film from 1938 with the actor Errol Flynn)

F) *Princess of Thieves* (with actress Keira Knightley from *Pirates of the Caribbean*)



1).....

2).....

3).....



4).....

5).....

6).....

9). In the Walt Disney Film, Robin and his friends are animals. Can you name the characters in the film?

Robin Hood

Maid Marian

Little John

The Sheriff of Nottingham

Friar Tuck

Prince John



10). What are these animals in Italian?

Fox.....

Badger.....

Bear.....

Wolf.....

Lion.....

11). What kind of animals are Robin Hood and Maid Marian?

Little John?..... Prince John.....? Friar Tuck.....?

and The Sheriff of Nottingham?.....

12) Here are these characters again (and King Richard).

Which ones are good and which ones are bad? Write G or B next to the name.

Robin Hood..... The Sheriff of Nottingham..... Friar Tuck.....

King Richard..... Prince John..... Maid Marion.....

Little John.....

13) How do you say the words 'Friend' and 'Enemy' in Italian? Which characters are Robin Hood's FRIENDS and which ones are his ENEMIES?

14). For older students. Read the story. Ask your teacher to help with difficult words:

Robin Hood Meets Maid Marion in Sherwood Forest

Early one morning, Marian puts on boy's clothes and a boy's hat and wakes up Friar Tuck. Marian takes her bow and arrows. Then they leave the house and walk on the Great North Road into Sherwood Forest.

After some hours, the friar suddenly sits down under a tree.

'Please let's stop, Lady Marion' he says. 'We don't have any breakfast and I am very hungry!'

Marian laughs.

'I am sorry, Friar Tuck,' she says, 'You are right, we will eat now.

Stay here. I will take my bow and arrow, and catch some animals. "We can cook them here in the forest.'

Marian leaves the friar and moves quietly into the forest. She sees a deer. She takes out an arrow and puts it to her bow.

'Stop there, boy!' says a man's voice behind her. The man has a loud voice. The deer jumps and runs away into the forest. Marian is very angry. The man is wearing a big hood. She

can't see his face.

'Well, boy,' says the man. 'Don't you know that you can't eat the king's deer? The Sheriff of Nottingham will be very angry.'

'I am not afraid of the sheriff,' said Marian, 'or of you. Go away - or fight!' 'Fight with you?' the man laughs. 'But you are only a boy! Well, you have a stick and I have one too. I will fight with you -with one hand!'

Marian fights well. She is strong and quick. With only one hand, the man can't win. She hits him again and again on his head. 'Stop, stop!' he laughs. 'You are young, but you are a good fighter.' He takes off his hood. 'I am Robin Hood. Will you come with me, and be one of my men?'

'Robin!' said Marian, and takes off her hood too. She has beautiful, long red hair. 'Marian!' answers Robin. 'What are you doing here, in the forest ? Are you alone ?' 'I am with my friend, Friar Tuck,' says Marian, 'and he is very hungry! But I think that he will be happy to eat at Robin Hood's table.'

Comprehension

Circle the correct answer

1. Marian is dressed as a boy/a girl/a friar/the Sheriff of Nottingham
2. Marian takes her dog/make up/bow and arrow
3. Friar Tuck doesn't have any dinner/breakfast/lunch/snacks
4. Friar Tuck is angry/brave/afraid/hungry
5. Robin and Marian dance/drink/fight/sing
6. Marian wants to catch a bear/a fox/a badger/ a deer
7. Marian has beautiful black/blonde/red/pink hair

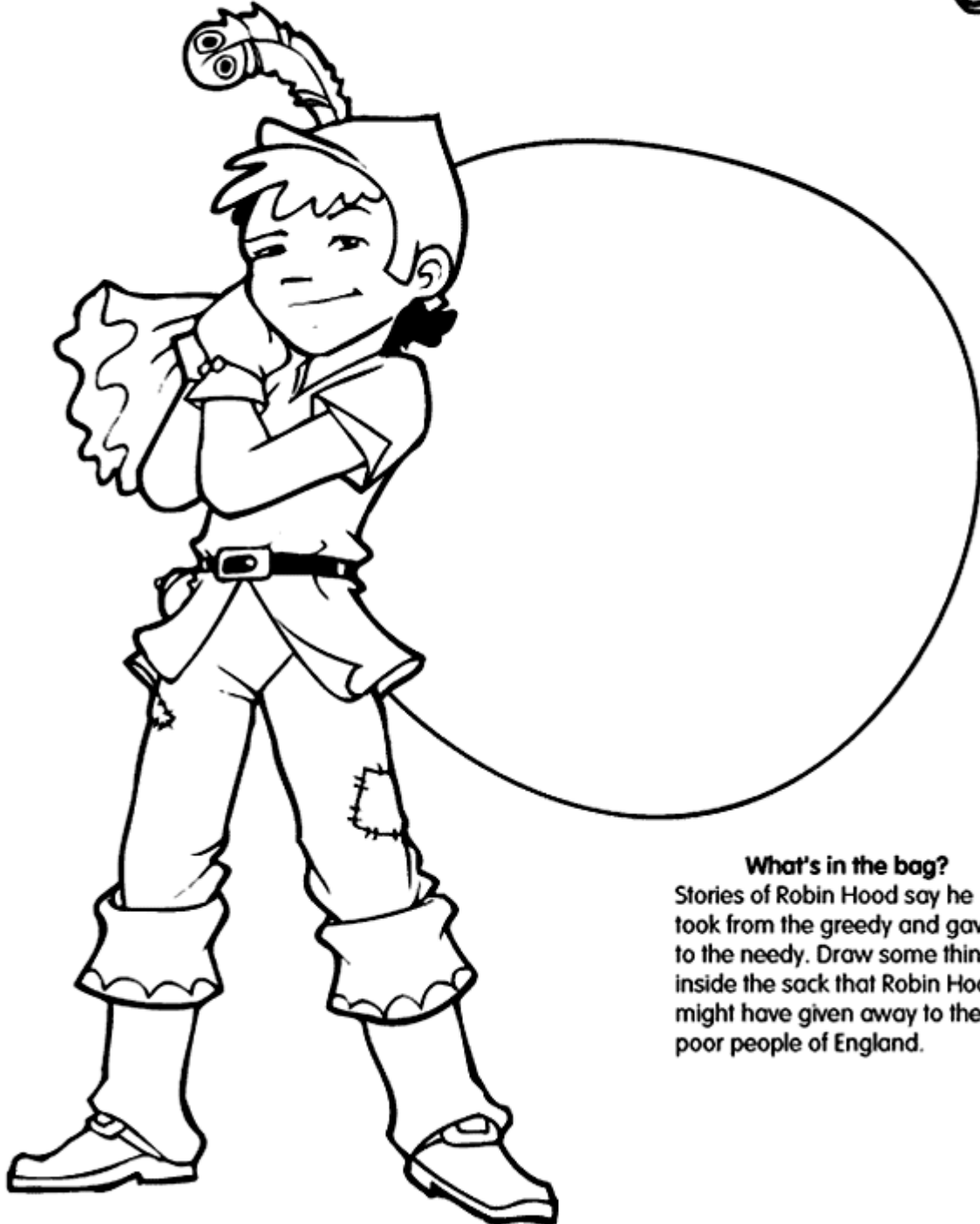
15). ROBIN HOOD ACTIVITIES

- a). Try to tell the story above as a class. See how much you remember. Act the story in class.
- b). Divide the story into different parts and draw a comic strip to tell the story.
- c). Draw other pictures of the people in the Robin Hood story. Here are some ideas:
 - a). Robin and his men rob from the rich to give to the poor.
 - b). Robin and his men fight the Sheriff of Nottingham
 - c). Robin and Marian fight.
 - d). Friar Tuck eats his lunch
 - e). Marian rides a horse
 - f). Robin shoots a bow and arrow
 - g). Marion and Robin walk in Sherwood Forest
 - h). King Richard comes back to England.
 - i). Bad Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham talk in the castle

Or think of an idea of your own!!

D). Some pictures for you to colour

Stories say Robin Hood was a legendary troublemaker who lived long ago in England. He was known to be generous to poor people, and was great with the bow and arrow. It is not known whether Robin Hood was a real person or not.



What's in the bag?

Stories of Robin Hood say he took from the greedy and gave to the needy. Draw some things inside the sack that Robin Hood might have given away to the poor people of England.



