

Robin Hood Becomes an Outlaw



Robin sets out for Nottingham to win the prize from the sheriff.

- Preview:**
1. Read the name of the story.
 2. Look at the picture.
 3. Read the sentence under the picture.
 4. Read the first paragraph of the story.
 5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that this story takes place

- a. in a merry land.
- b. in Sherwood Village.
- c. in England.
- d. in Nottingham.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 10 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to find out who took the sheriff's prize.

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In England in the days of old lived a young man named Robin Hood. King Henry was the ruler of the land. Robin lived in Sherwood Forest near the village of Nottingham. He lived there with his band of merry men. They were all outlaws. This story will tell you how this came about.

When Robin Hood was 18 years old, he was a fun-loving boy. He had an eye for all the girls. Maid Marion was the girl he had eyes for the most. Robin was tall and had a coat and hat of green.

One day Robin heard that the Sheriff of Nottingham was offering a prize. It would go to the man who was the best with a bow and arrow. Robin wanted to win the prize.

Robin headed to the village of Nottingham. He walked through the forest. Under a big tree sat 15 of the king's men. A tall man asked Robin where he was headed. He said he was on his way to Nottingham to win the prize from the sheriff. The men all laughed. They said he was too young.

He would never win.

Robin became angry. He told them he could get a deer down with his bow and arrow. Robin took his bow and killed a deer.

The men were angry with Robin. He had killed one of the king's best deer. Now they would have to answer to the king.

The tall man who had talked to Robin had had too much to drink. He was angry. He got up and sent an arrow whistling past Robin's head.

Robin sent an arrow back at the man. He fell to the ground. Robin had killed him. Robin felt bad. It was not like him to do anything bad.

Robin ran away. He had to hide in the forest. This was to become his home for many, many years. He was now an outlaw.

The Sheriff of Nottingham said he would get even with Robin. Robin had killed the king's prize deer. Robin had killed someone in the sheriff's family, too.

The forest was Robin's home now. He had to hide

there from the sheriff and his men. It was in the forest that Robin met many men just like himself. Some had killed the king's deer so that they could eat. Others had their land taken from them by the king's men.

Robin and the men joined together. They joked and became one big happy family. They all had coats and hats just like Robin's.

In the next year, Robin and his men banded together to help the poor. The poor people of the country loved them.

Robin and his men became Robin and his band of merry men.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. For many years, Robin Hood lived in
 - a. Henry Woods.
 - b. Sherwood Forest.
 - c. King Henry's castle.
 - d. Nottingham village.
2. Maid Marion was
 - a. the woman who took care of Robin's castle.
 - b. the person who shot at Robin.
 - c. the girl Robin liked the most.
 - d. the one who killed the deer in the woods.
3. As he went through the forest on his way to Nottingham, Robin met
 - a. fifteen of the king's men.
 - b. Maid Marion and her father.
 - c. the Sheriff of Nottingham.
 - d. a man who took all his money.
4. Robin was on his way to Nottingham
 - a. to see Maid Marion and her family.
 - b. to get a job in the village.
 - c. to speak with the sheriff about becoming one of his men.
 - d. to show how well he could use his bow and arrow.
5. Robin sent an arrow back at the king's man because
 - a. he liked to bother the king's men when he met them.
 - b. he was a mean young man.
 - c. he thought the man was going to hurt him.
 - d. he wanted to make the sheriff angry.
6. Robin and his men lived in the woods because
 - a. they thought it was quiet and pretty there.
 - b. they all had to hide from the sheriff's men.
 - c. they took care of the deer.
 - d. they didn't like houses.
7. The poor people of the country loved Robin and his men because
 - a. Robin helped the poor.
 - b. Robin worked for the sheriff.
 - c. Robin saved the deer.
 - d. Robin helped the king.
8. The king and the sheriff
 - a. gave the people everything they needed.
 - b. let the people hunt in the forest.
 - c. did not treat their people well.
 - d. tried to understand Robin Hood.
9. Another name for this story could be
 - a. "On the Way to Nottingham."
 - b. "Hunting for Deer."
 - c. "A Girl Named Maid Marion."
 - d. "At the King's Castle."
10. This story is mainly about
 - a. the king's deer that live in the forest.
 - b. what the people of the country think about Robin.
 - c. Maid Marion and her friends in Nottingham.
 - d. how Robin came to live in the forest with his men.

Preview Answer:

c. in England.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

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