

Robin Hood

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Chapter 1

Robin Hood and the Poor Hunter

It was noon in summer time and all the forest was asleep. The sky was clear and bright with sunlight. All nature seemed so quiet and lonely. The rabbits were in their holes, the birds were in their nests, the deer and all other animals were scared away. There were thick bushes all along the path across the forest. People did not often come this way so it was the loneliest part of the Barnisdale Forest.

The king's woodmen were usually in control of the forest. A man stood close to the path, behind a tree looking at the bushes carefully. There was a dagger round his waist with long arrows and a bow. He had dark brown curls with a bronzed face. His eyes shone like a wild bird's who looked fearless and noble. He was in his mid-twenties. Suddenly he saw bushes move. There was a man hiding behind the bushes. The man's face looked thin and weary. He aimed his arrow at a feeding deer and the arrow sank in the breast of the nearest doe. She ran a few feet and then fell; while the others scared and ran off into the trees. The weary faced man looked this way



Chapter 6

The End of Robin's Adventures

Everybody was shocked when Robin found a way to marry Marian. Some people thought that Robin was so brave to marry the daughter of the earl without his or the King's permission. How did not the lord send an army into the forest to destroy Robin Hood? That was the most important question. King Richard, the protector of Marian, was captured and imprisoned in a castle in Germany. That was why Robin had an opportunity to marry his daughter. In the king's absence knights, monks, squires and other men in high positions had to pay high taxes. Robin was the man who set all the rules.

During all this time Robin and Marian lived very happily in the greenwood. She lost her wide lands and she did not live in a castle with thick walls but she was very happy with Robin. When King Richard was released from prison, he came back to his country but he was surprised to see how he lost power during his absence. There were certain knights who held the castle of Nottingham for King Richard. King Richard marched to the castle with a big army and fought his enemies. He got his castle and power back after the fight.





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Activities

Chapter 1

Read Chapter 1 and circle the correct answer for each question.

- 1. Who was in his mid-twenties?**
 - a) Robin Hood
 - b) Scarlet

- 2. What animal did the hunter kill?**
 - a) a rabbit
 - b) a doe

- 3. Whose sister died?**
 - a) Scarlet's
 - b) Robin Hood's

- 4. What was Robin Hood's mission?**
 - a) to support the poor
 - b) to have a wonderful life

- 5. How did the foresters let Robin Hood and Scarlet pass?**
 - a) Because the foresters were scared of Robin Hood.
 - b) Because the men were very kind.

Characters

A. What do you know about these people? Fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

Robin Hood

Scarlet

Fair Marian

Sir Richard

Sir Roger

Father Tuck

Alan

Black Hugo

Will

Gilbert

1. was a hermit .
2. was the daughter of an earl.
3. was a squire.
4. was a member of Robin's band.
5. was Robin Hood's enemy.
6. took care of Gilbert.
7. was an honest and brave outlaw.
8. was Scarlet's nephew.

**B. How do you feel about the people in the story?
Circle the best answer for each character.**

1. Robin
 - a. I am very proud of him.
 - b. He's lonely.
 - c. He's an outlaw.

Glossary

abbot	a man who is in charge of a monastery * Robin Hood did not like the <i>abbots</i> in the country.
absence	not being in a particular place * What happened during my <i>absence</i> ?
adventure	an exciting experience * Bungee jumping was a real <i>adventure</i> for me.
appear	to be seen * He <i>appeared</i> and disappeared again among the crowd.
armed	with weapons * The two foreign men were <i>armed</i> .
arrow	a long thick weapon with a sharp point shot from a bow * Where are my <i>arrows</i> ?
attacker	a person who uses violence to hurt someone * They did not recognise the <i>attacker</i> .
attention	watch or listen carefully * Can you pay <i>attention</i> to her problem?

whisper	speak in a very low voice * Why are you <i>whispering</i> ?
wounded	injured * The poor dog is <i>wounded</i> .
wrap	cover something / someone with something * He <i>wrapped</i> the file quickly and stormed out.