Robin Hood

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A Before Reading

- 1 The story of Robin Hood is very famous. It has been made into many books, films and plays. What do you know about the story? Have you ever read a book or seen a movie about Robin Hood? Who was he? Where did he live? What did he do?
- 2 Below are some multiple choice questions. See how much you know about the story.

Robin Hood was an outlaw. An outlaw is a...

- a) lawyer
- b) criminal
- c) soldier
- d) prince

This story is set in...

- a) france
- b) england
- c) scotland
- d) wales

Robin Hood lived in...

- a) a castle
- b) a village
- c) a cave
- d) a forest

Robin Hood became an outlaw after he... a) killed one of the royal deer

- b) shot someone
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 c) didu't new bis to
- c) didn't pay his taxes
- d) stole from the King

Robin Hood took money from the rich and...

- a) gave it to the king
- b) bought presents for his friends
- c) gave it to the poor
- d) hid it in the forest



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B While Reading

3 Robin Hood meets many people who decide to join his band of outlaws. Read chapters one to twelve. In the table below, write who he meets, what happens when they first meet, and what crimes they have committed, if any.

Will Stutely	Met him in Sherwood Forest. Will was already living in the forest, he was wanted for cutting someone's throat.

- **4** Below are the words from page 69 of the story. The paragraphs are in the wrong order. Put them in the right order without reading the book.
 - a) Friar Tuck stood next to Robin and Much the Miller's Son stood beside Little John. Allan a Dale tried to help the wounded and dying men. Suddenly Robin took out his horn and blew it. The sound of the horn was high and clear. It was like the high note of a song. The wind moved with the sound. Everybody stopped fighting.
 - b) 'Give him to me,' Robin said in a deep voice. 'I want to kill him now.' Then Robin took out his sword and walked towards Little John. Little John's hands and feet were tied with ropes. He looked very frightened. Robin cut Little John's ropes with his sword.
 - c) Then, before anyone could stop them, Robin and Little John ran through the trees towards the outlaws' camp. 'They cannot escape!' shouted the Sheriff to his men. 'Go after them! Attack them from all sides! Kill them all!'
 - d) At the other end of the clearing, a strange knight had entered. He was dressed in black and he rode a black horse. The black night looked down at the Sheriff of Nottingham. 'So many men against so few?' the black knight asked.
 - e) 'Stop! What are you doing?' demanded the Sheriff. Then Robin threw the head to the Sheriff. It hit the ground at the Sheriff's feet. 'This isn't Robin Hood,' shouted the Sheriff. 'This is the head of Sir Guy of Gisbourne!'
 - f) As the Sheriff's men pressed closer, Robin and Little John stood with their backs to the old oak tree. The Sheriff's men were winning the fight. There were too many of them and there were not enough outlaws. Suddenly Will Stutely fell at Robin's feet. He had been hit by a soldier's sword. Many other outlaws were falling and dying in the clearing.

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C After Reading

- **5** When King Richard returned, he changed many things. Write the first 10 new laws he might have passed to fix some of the problems in Nottingham.
- 6 Many people became outlaws and decided to join Robin Hood's band. Make up another character who committed a crime and decided to join his merry men.

For example, Charlotte of Sherwood. She was the beautiful daughter of an old knight, The Duke of Sherwood. Prince John insisted on marrying her, and threw her father in jail when he refused permission. Charlotte ran into the forest to escape Prince John's soldiers. Robin found her and asked her to join his band of outlaws.

7 Draw a map of Nottingham. Include all the places mentioned in the story.

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