

Lesson Plan 07

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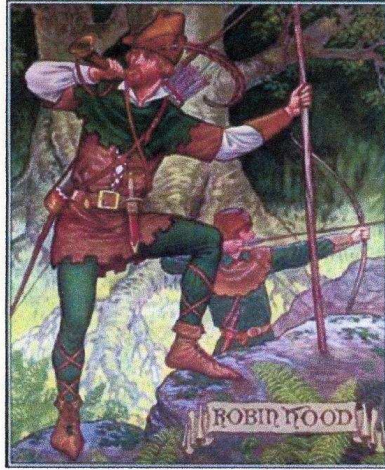
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Who Was Robin Hood?



- Robin Hood is a folk hero from the middle ages who may be historical or a complete fiction.
- He is a legendary person who people have told stories about for 700 years.
- The story of Robin Hood still remains popular. His story has been featured in books, plays, movies, cartoons, a TV series and ballads (songs that tell a story).
- There are many variations of his stories and where he lived.
- Usually Robin Hood is thought of as an outlaw who lives in Sherwood Forest near the town of Nottingham, England.
- His enemies are Prince John (who is temporarily on the throne because his brother, King Richard the Lionheart, is away in the Middle East fighting in the Crusades) and the corrupt Sheriff of Nottingham,
- These men abuse their powers and take money from the people who need it.
- Robin Hood uses his archery skills and his wits to steal the money back and return it to the poor.
- Robin has faithful followers called the Merry Men – some were Little John, Much the Millers son, Will Scarlet, Friar Tuck and Alan a Dale - and there are also stories about his romance with Maid Marian.

ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

Story of LITTLE JOHN



- Robin Hood, who dressed in Lincoln Green, lived in the Sherwood forest with a band of men who had also been driven out of their homes by the Normans. They were known as the Merry Men and after a while Robin became their leader.
- When Robin and Little John first met they fought each other.
- This happened one day when Robin taking his bow and arrow started off walking through the forest in search of an adventure. He reminded his men to listen for the call of his horn should there be trouble.
- Robin wandered until he came to an old wooden bridge across a stream. As he was ready to cross the bridge he noticed a giant of a man on the opposite end.
- They both started to cross the bridge together. When they met, the huge man made no attempt to let Robin pass. Instead he stood still and glared at him.
- Robin laughed loudly and told the stranger to let him pass. The man did not move, he just grinned.
- Taking an arrow from his quiver and fitting it into his bow, Robin shouted, "If you don't move I'll shoot!"
- The huge stranger lumbered toward him and replied grimly, "If you dare pull back that string I will beat you!"
- This man has great courage Robin thought, as the stranger stared scornfully at the bow. Robin admired the stranger's spirit.
- Robin then backed slowly to the end of the bridge, still pointing his arrow, and called, "Your talk is foolish. I could kill you with one arrow."
- "You are a coward!" exclaimed the stranger. "You have a bow and arrows - I have only a stick."
- "Coward!" laughed Robin. "I'll show you I am no coward."
- Robin leapt off the bridge, and quickly found a stick. "We will fight on the bridge," he called, "and whoever falls into the stream first has lost the battle."
- "All right," replied the stranger, "I'm not afraid!"



- Robin and the giant fought in the middle of the narrow bridge. As they moved the bridge bent and trembled. Bang, smash, crack.
 - The two men fought fiercely with their sticks until Robin slipped and fell off the bridge and disappeared into the water.
 - "Hello my good man," laughed the stranger, looking into the water, "Where are you?"
 - "I'm here," called Robin, "I'm all right."
 - With that the huge stranger, continuing to laugh said, "You are not an easy man to beat."
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- Robin laughed too and said, "I must say that you are a brave man and a good fighter. It was a fair fight and you won. I do not want to fight with you any more. Will you shake hands and be my friend?"
 - The stranger replied, "Willingly. It is a long time since I met anyone who could use a stick like you can."
 - Robin asked the stranger his name and what was his work. He told him that his name was John Little and that he liked to work his own way.
 - Robin asked the stranger to go with him and have a meal with his band of friends. As they approached the forest, Robin grasped his horn and blew a loud blast. Other horns quickly answered his call. Soon a crowd of men also dressed in Lincoln green surrounded them.
 - "These are my Merry Men, John Little," Robin said proudly. Turning to his men he continued, "This is the man who would not let me pass across the bridge and instead made me tumble into the stream. What shall we do with him?"
 - "Throw him into a steam!" the Merry Men shouted.
 - "No, it is better if he joins our merry band. Our work is to fight for the right."
 - Little John was keen to join. He had heard many tales of bold Robin Hood.
 - When they reached the camp in the forest, the band of men said mischievously, "We must re-name John Little."
 - They did so by pouring water over him and calling the seven foot giant, Little John.
 - The merry men came to respect Little John and his rough ways and were pleased to have one so brave and strong in their band of merry men.



FRIAR TUCK

- One day Robin Hood was sitting by a stream in the forest. He had not been there long when he heard the voices of two men arguing about the fish in the stream.
 - Through the trees came a very fat man, a friar (a Holy man). His head was almost bald.
 - Strangely he was alone. "It's useless to fish in this stream," the friar said.
 - Then he answered himself. "Take me to a better stream if you can!"
- Robin watched as the friar prepared to fish still continuing to argue with himself.
 - "Good morning," said Robin. "How are you both?"
 - "Fine," replied the friar as he continued to fish.
 - "I want to cross this stream," stated Robin.
 - "Then cross it," replied the friar without concern.
 - "How shall I do that?" questioned Robin.
 - "You will have to wade," answered the friar still fishing.
 - "Carry me across!" ordered Robin as he threatened the friar with his bow and arrows.
 - The friar stood up, put his staff on the bank, and waded across the stream to where Robin waited. He told Robin to climb on his back and be more polite next time when he wanted help.
 - Robin climbed on the friar's broad back and waded across the stream with difficulty as the stones in the stream were very slippery. They reached the bank safely. Suddenly the friar, who was still wet, picked up his staff from the bank and swung it toward Robin.
 - "Now I need to cross the stream and you are going to carry me," said the friar.
 - Robin smiled at the friar's boldness. Here was someone with courage and a sense of humor. "That's fair, jump on my back," replied Robin.
 - Robin staggered with the fat man across the stream, the friar chuckling all of the time. As Robin let him down on the bank the friar asked what other silly thing should they do next.
 - They decided that the friar should carry Robin back across the stream. This time the friar tripped, Robin ended up in the stream. Robin waded towards the bank and angrily accused the friar of dropping him on purpose.
 - The friar was about to reply when Robin lurched at him and began to fight. They fought without weapons for a moment when Robin, thinking how silly it all was stopped.
 - "I try to be at peace with every man," said the breathless friar. "It was you who wanted to fight. Now let's shake hands." After this they became firm friends.



ROBIN HOOD AND HIS MERRY MEN

ROBIN HOOD AND MAID MARIAN

- Long before Robin Hood lived in Sherwood Forest he knew the area well having hunted the wild animals that roamed within.
- As Robin was hunting in Sherwood Forest one day he met a beautiful lady, who he recognized as his childhood friend. She was the lady, Marian, who was the daughter of a rich noble who lived in a castle not far from Robin's home.



- Robin and Marian became friends again and often met and hunted together in the forest. They soon fell in love. Robin asked Marian to marry him and she accepted.



In Nottingham, UK

- Marian started to make the preparations for the wedding. Unfortunately at this time, through a terrible misfortune, Robin lost his home and everything he owned.
- Robin's home now became the forest. He told Marian that now he had nothing and life in the forest was too hard and rough for a lady they must say goodbye.

- At home Marian was very upset and felt sad. She became so miserable that she decided to go to the forest and look for Robin.
- Marian knew that it was not safe for a lady to travel alone. She feared the robbers so set off to the forest dressed as a knight.
- Robin liked disguising himself too. One day he dressed as a knight and went out into the forest looking for adventure.



- He had not travelled far when he met another knight. On meeting the knight Robin called out asking the knight's name and saying that no one passed through the forest without his permission, only those whose purpose is good and fair.
- Marian was very frightened and said nothing. She thought this knight was a wicked Norman and drew her sword. Robin too drew his sword as Marian had not replied to his question.
- They fought for a time until Marian was wounded in the arm. Robin began to feel sorry for the young knight as she tired. Robin forgot that he was pretending to be a Norman knight and spoke in his own voice. When Marian heard it she took off her helmet and shouted Robin's name.

- They hugged and laughed. It had been a long time since they had last met. Marian told Robin how sad she had been without him and had decided to come to look for him in the forest.



Errol Flynn & Olivia Devilland

- Having found each other Robin said he did not know how he could live without Marian when she returned home. Marian told Robin she would stay in the forest with him forever. Robin repeated that life in the forest was too uncomfortable for a lady but Marian insisted she'd stay.
- Robin blew on his horn and his Merry Men answered the call. They met Robin and Marian under a huge tree in the forest. Here Robin told them of his plan to marry Marian. The band of Merry Men cheered and danced at the news.



- There followed a great feast with much chatter and happy laughter. Friar Tuck married Robin and Marian there in the forest. Afterwards the party continued joyfully.

- Robin and Marian lived very happily together in Sherwood Forest.

ROBIN HOOD AND ALLEN-A-DALE
(Ballad written in old English)

Come listen to me, you gallants so free,
All you that loves mirth for to hear,
And I will you tell of a bold outlaw,
That lived in Nottinghamshire,
That lived in Nottinghamshire.

As Robin Hood in the forest stood,
All under the green-wood tree,
There was he ware of a brave young man,
As fine as fine might be.

The youngster was clothed in scarlet red,
In scarlet fine and gay,
And he did frisk it over the plain)
And chanted a roundelay.

As Robin Hood next morning stood,
Amongst the leaves so gay,
There did he espy the same young man
Come drooping along the way.

The scarlet he wore the day before,
It was clean cast away;
And every step he fetcht a sigh,
Alack and a well a day.

Then stepped forth brave Little John,
And Nick the miller's son,
Which made the young man bend his bow,
When as he see them

Stand off, stand off, the young man said,
What is your will with me?
You must come before our master straight,
Under yon green-wood tree.

And when he came bold Robin before,
Robin askt him courteously,
O hast thou any money to spare
For my merry men and me?

I have no money, the young man said,
But five shillings and a ring;
And that I have kept this seven long years,
To have it at my wedding.

Yesterday I should have married a maid,
But she is now from me tane,
And chosen to be an old knights delight,
Whereby my poor heart is slain.

What is thy name? then said Robin Hood,
Come tell me, without any fail. /
By the faith of my body, then said the young man,
My name it is Allen a Dale.

What wilt thou give me, said Robin Hood,
In ready gold or fee,
To help thee to thy true-love again,
And deliver her unto thee?

I have no money, then quoth the young man,
No ready gold nor fee,
But I will swear upon a book
Thy true servant for to be.

How many miles is it to thy true-love?
Come tell me without any guile.
By the faith of my body, then said the young man,
It is but five little mile.

Then Robin he hasted over the plain,
He did neither stint nor lin,
Until he came into the church
Where Allen should keep his wedding.

What dost thou do here? the bishop he said,
I prethee now tell to me:
I am a bold harper, quoth Robin Hood,
And the best in the north country.

O welcome, O welcome, the bishop he said. .
That musick best pleaseth me.
You shall have no musick, quoth Robin Hood,
Till the bride and the bridegroom I see.

With that came in a wealthy knight, .
Which was both grave and old.
And after him a finikin lass,
Did shine like glistering gold.

This is no fit match, quoth bold Robin Hood,
That you do seem to make here;
For since we are come unto the church,
The bride she shall chuse her own dear.

Then Robin Hood put his horn to his mouth,
And blew blasts two or three,
When four and twenty bowmen bold
Came leaping over the lee.

And when they came into the church-yard,
Marching all on a row,
The first man was Allen a Dale,
To give bold Robin his bow.

This is thy true-love, Robin he said;
Young Allen, as I hear say,
And you shall be married at this same time,
Before we depart away.

That shall not be, the bishop he said,
For thy word shall not stand;
They shall be three times askt in the church,
As the law is of our land.

Robin Hood pulled off the bishops coat,
And put it upon Little John;
By the faith of my body, then Robin said,
This cloath doth make thee a man.

When Little John went into the quire,
The people began for to laugh;
He askt them seven times in the church,
Least three times should not be enough.

Who gives me this maid, then said Little John;
Quoth Robin, That do I,
And he that doth take her from Allen a Dale
Full dearly he shall her buy.

And thus having ended this merry wedding,
The bride lookt as fresh as a queen,
And so they returned to the merry green wood,
Amongst the leaves so green.

Alan-a-Dale (also spelled **Allen-a-Dale**, **Allan-a-Dale**, **Allin-a-Dale**, etc.) is a figure in the Robin Hood legend. According to the stories, he was a wandering minstrel who became a member of Robin's band of outlaws, the "Merry Men."

He is a relatively late addition to the legend; he first appeared in a seventeenth-century ballad, "Robin Hood and Allen a Dale", and managed to adhere to the legend. In this tale, Robin rescues Alan's sweetheart from an unwanted marriage to an old knight. They stop the bishop from proceeding with the ceremony, and Robin Hood, dressed in the bishop's robes, marries Alan to his bride. In other versions it is Little John or Friar Tuck that performs the ceremony. Another variant appears in which the hero is not Alan but Will Scarlet, but Alan has taken over the role entirely.

From: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alan-a-Dale>

Robin Hood Song

(Carl Sigman)

Chorus:

**Robin Hood, Robin Hood, riding through the glen
Robin Hood, Robin Hood, with his band of men
Feared by the bad, loved by the good
Robin Hood, Robin Hood, Robin Hood**

**1. He called the greatest archers to a tavern on the green
They vowed to help the people of the king
They handled all the troubles on the English country scene
And still found plenty of time to sing**

**2. He came to Sherwood Forest with a feather in his cap
A fighter never looking for a fight
His bow was always ready, and he kept his arrows sharp.
He used them to fight for what was right.**

**3. With Friar Tuck and Little John they had a roguish look,
They did the deed the others wouldn't dare.
He captured all the money that the evil sheriff took,
And rescued many a lady fair.**

Full lyrics at: <http://lyricsplayground.com/alpha/songs/r/robinhood.shtml>

Music score in Carl Sigman Songbook £18.10 from. www.sheetmusicplus.com

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