

# The Legend of Robin Hood



## What Is a Legend?

A legend is a story that is passed down through time.



## What Is the Story of Robin Hood?

There are lots of different Robin Hood legends. They have been told for 800 years. We will look at the most famous one.

- Robin Hood lived in Sherwood Forest with his friends.
- Robin's enemy was the Sheriff of Nottingham. The sheriff made people pay lots of money to him which meant that they were poor.

- Robin and his friends thought that it was unfair. They robbed money from the rich to give to the poor people.



Robin Hood had lots of friends.



Maid Marian

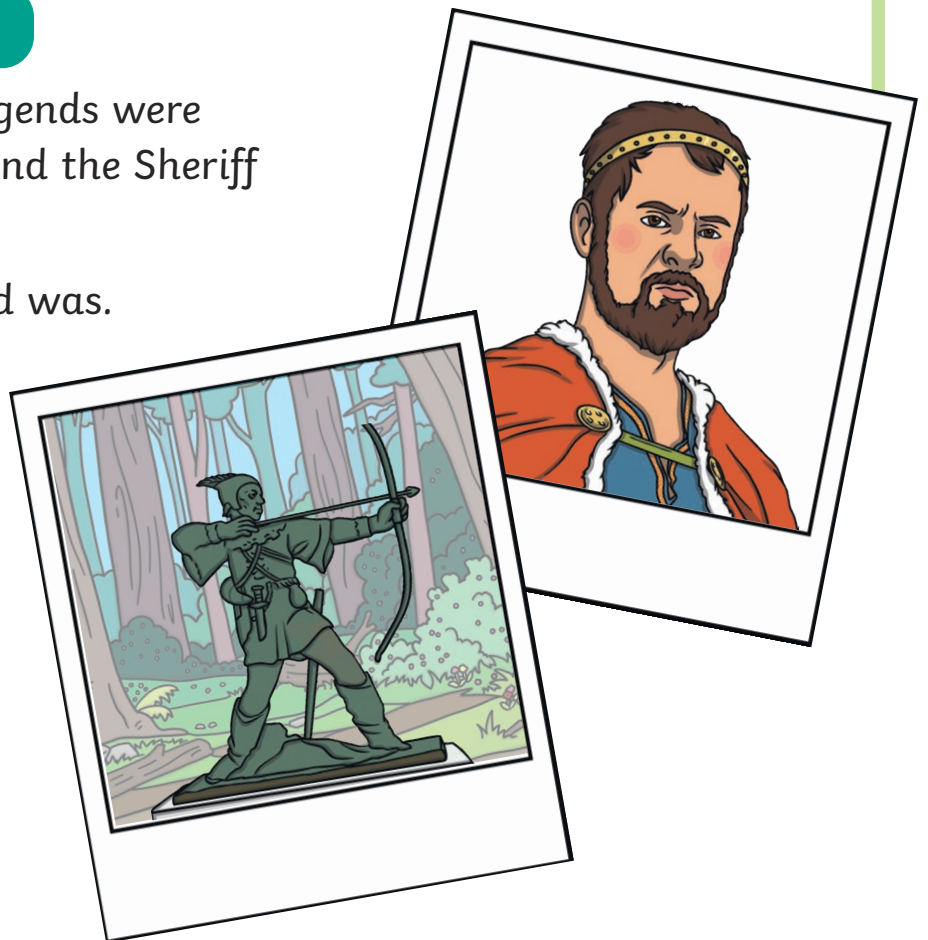


Little John

## Was Robin Hood Real?

Some of the people in the legends were real, such as King Richard and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

Nobody knows if Robin Hood was.



# Questions

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- the Deep Dark Wood
- the New Forest

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- King Richard
- the police
- the Sheriff of Nottingham

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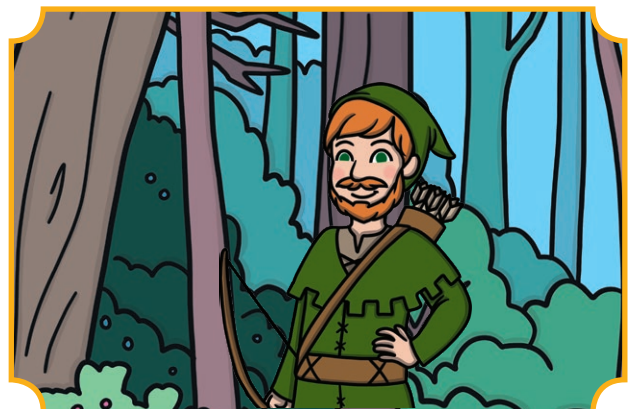
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## What Is the Story of Robin Hood?

There are many different stories about Robin Hood. They started to be told about 800 years ago. The first written story was called 'Robin and the Monk' in 1450. The most well-known legend says that Robin Hood lived in Sherwood Forest in Nottingham with his merry men. Robin's enemy was the Sheriff of Nottingham. He was looking after the town while King Richard was away fighting a war. The sheriff made people

pay lots of money to the people in charge which made them very poor. Robin and his friends thought that was unfair so they stole money from the rich to give to the poor.



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Will Scarlett



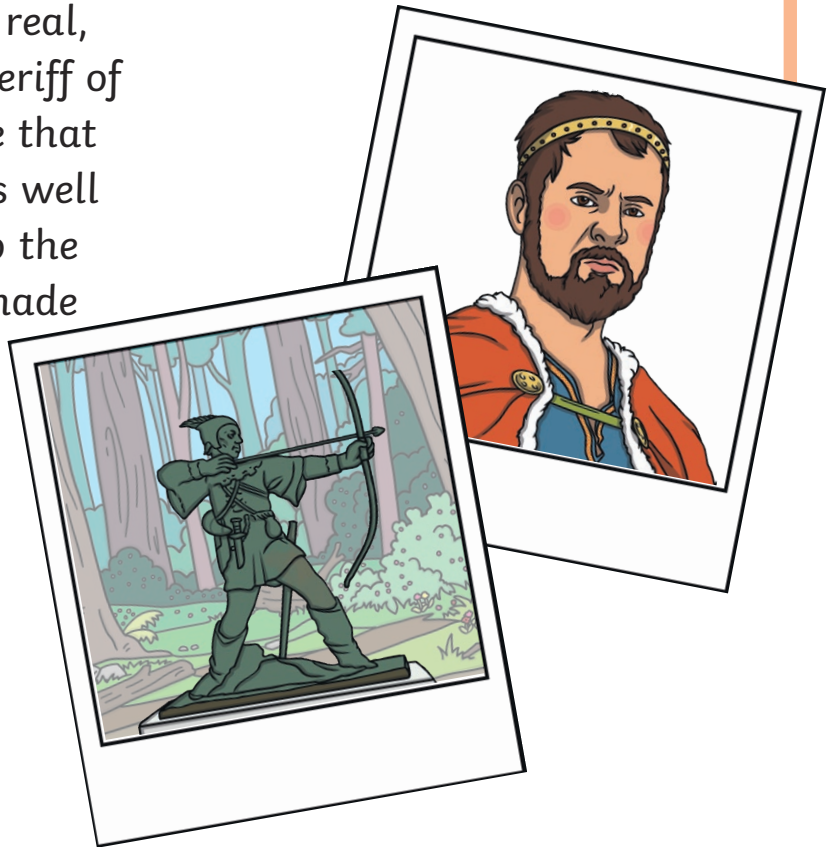
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## Did Robin Hood Really Exist?

Some people in the legends were real, such as King Richard and the Sheriff of Nottingham. Some people believe that Robin was a real person and was well liked because he was generous to the poor. Others think that he was made up for songs and stories.



## Did You Know...?

There have been many films made about Robin Hood, including a Disney film where all the characters are animals.

# Questions

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- Robin and the Deer
- Robin and the Monk
- Robin and the Arrow

2. Circle **one** word in this sentence that means the same as 'lots of'.

*There are many different stories about Robin Hood.*

3. Draw **three** lines and match each word to its meaning.

merry men

A story that is passed down through time by being told over and over again.

legend

The place where Robin Hood lived in the stories.

Sherwood Forest

The name given to Robin Hood's group of friends who he lived with.

4. Find and copy the names of **two** of Robin Hood's friends.

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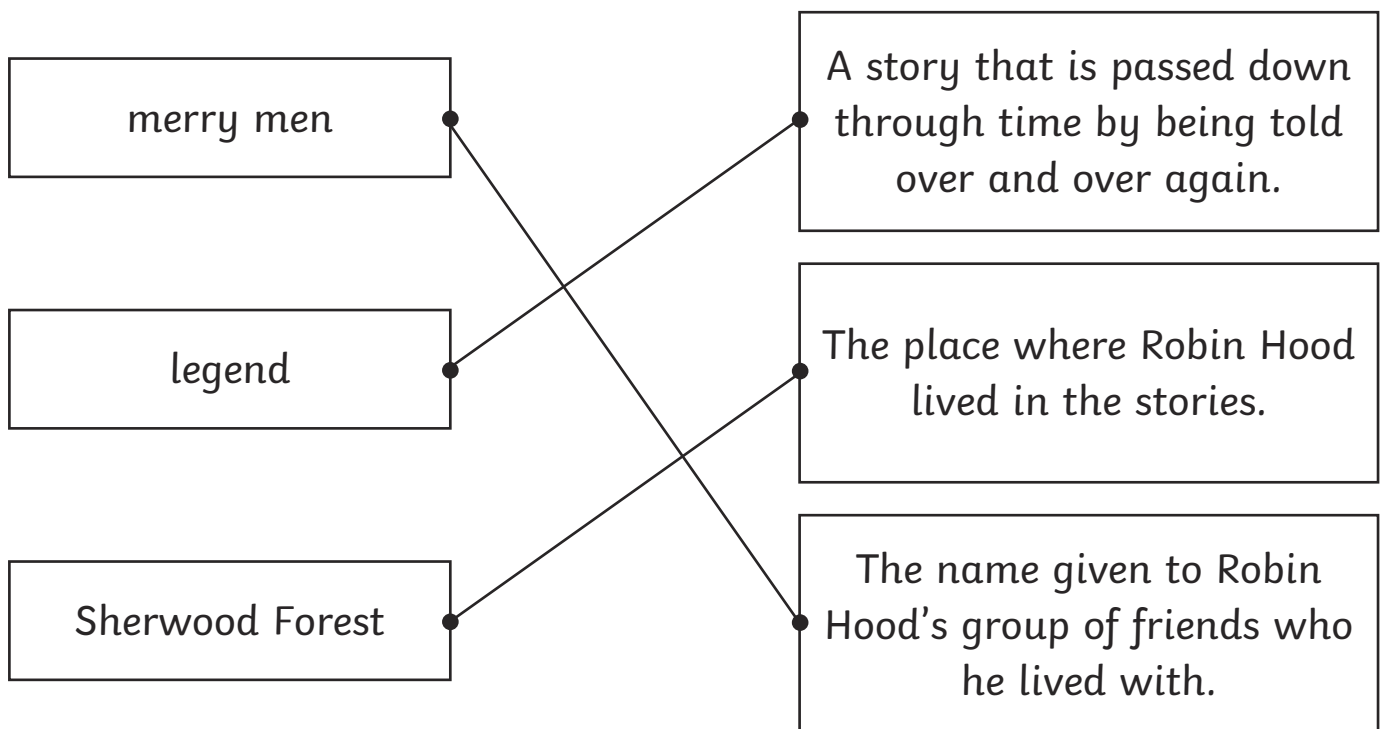
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4. Find and copy the names of **two** of Robin Hood's friends.

**Accept any two of the following: Will Scarlett, Maid Marian or Little John.**

5. Why was the Sheriff of Nottingham in charge?

**The Sheriff of Nottingham was in charge because King Richard was away fighting a war.**

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## What Is a Legend?

A legend is a story that is passed down through time by being told over and over again. Legends are sometimes partly true as they can have real people in them or be inspired by historical events. You would not find dragons or fantasy characters in them. This makes them different from **myths**.



## What Is the Story of Robin Hood?

There are many different Robin Hood stories. The earliest are from around the year 1200. The first to be written down was called 'Robin and the Monk' in 1450. The best known legend describes Robin Hood as an outlaw who lived in Sherwood Forest in Nottingham with his band of merry men. Outlaws were people who had broken the law. Robin's enemy was the Sheriff of Nottingham. He was in charge of Nottingham

while King Richard was away in another country fighting a war. The sheriff made people pay lots of **taxes** which meant that they were very poor and couldn't afford food. Robin and his friends thought that was very unfair so they robbed money from the rich to give to the poor people.



Robin Hood had lots of friends.



Friar Tuck



Will Scarlett



Maid Marian



Little John

## Did Robin Hood Really Exist?

Some of the people in the legends did really exist, such as King Richard and the Sheriff of Nottingham. Nobody knows if Robin Hood did. Some people believe that he was a real person who was generous to the poor. Others think that he was just made up for songs and stories.

The story of Robin Hood is still very popular today and has been made into lots of films. There is a Disney film where all of the characters are animals. Robin is a fox and the Sheriff is a wolf!



## Did You Know...?

You can visit the tree called the Major Oak that legend says was Robin and his gang's hideout. It is between 800 and 1100 years old.

## Glossary

**myths:** A traditional story that usually includes fantasy characters.

**taxes:** Money that people pay to a government or ruler.

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- 1780
- 1940
- 1450

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Robin's **enemy** was the Sheriff of Nottingham.

4. Look at the section called **What Is the Story of Robin Hood?** What did Robin and his friends do with money?

**Robin and his friends robbed money from the rich and gave it to the poor.**

5. Explain the difference between a legend and a myth.

**A myth often has fantasy creatures but legends usually have real events and people.**

6. Do you think that Robin Hood was real? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think he was real because there are so many stories and songs about him.**