

Before You Read



Robin Hood

My real name is Robert of Lockesley, but I changed it to Robin Hood when I joined the Merry Men. The Sheriff¹ of Nottingham is my enemy². He threw my father in jail, and his friend made me an outlaw³. Now I live deep in Sherwood forest and lead a band⁴ of outlaws called the Merry⁵ Men. I'm a thief, but I'm not bad. I steal from the rich and give to the poor.

1. **sheriff** [ˈʃerɪf] (n.) 警長

3. **outlaw** [ˈaʊtlɔː] (n.) 不法之徒

5. **merry** [ˈmeri] (a.) 快樂的

2. **enemy** [ˈenəmi] (n.) 敵人

4. **band** [bænd] (n.) 一幫；一群



Little John

I'm the most loyal¹ of all of Robin Hood's Merry Men. My name is Little John, but I'm taller and bigger than everyone else. And I love to fight. I can fight with a staff² or a sword, and no one can beat³ me! I'll do anything to help Robin fight against⁴ the Sheriff.

1. **loyal** [ˈlɔɪəl] (a.) 忠誠的

3. **beat** [bi:t] (v.) 打敗

2. **staff** [stæf] (n.) 棍棒

4. **fight against** 對抗



Will Stutely

I'm another one of Robin Hood's Merry Men. I'm excellent¹ with a bow², but Robin Hood beat me in a contest³ at the Nottingham Fair. But I don't mind⁴ because Robin Hood is my leader, and he treats⁵ us all very well.

1. **excellent** [ˈeksələnt] (a.) 優秀的

2. **bow** [bau] (n.) 弓

3. **contest** [ˈkɑːntest] (n.) 比賽

4. **mind** [maɪnd] (v.) 介意

5. **treat** [tri:t] (v.) 對待



The Sheriff of Nottingham

I'm a sheriff, so I had to put some people in prison. One of those people was Robin Hood's father. Now Robin Hood won't stop bothering¹ me. He robs² my people and kills the King's deer³. I'll keep trying⁴ to catch him!

1. **bother** [ˈbɑːðər] (v.) 困擾

2. **rob** [rɑːb] (v.) 搶劫

3. **deer** [dɪr] (n.) 鹿

4. **keep-Ving** 繼續……



Maid Marian

I'm the daughter of Sir¹ Richard of Lea. My father lost² all his money, and I lost my childhood³ friend Rob of Lockesley. But I have a feeling⁴ that things will get better⁵. I saw Rob at the fair, and he gave me a golden arrow. I wonder how he feels about me.

1. **sir** [sɜːr] (n.) 公爵

2. **lose** [luːz] (v.) 失去

3. **childhood** [ˈtʃaɪldhʊd] (n.) 童年

4. **feeling** [ˈfiːlɪŋ] (n.) 感受



Chapter One

Rob Becomes an Outlaw

In the days of good King Harry the Second of England, there were certain¹ forests² in the north country³ used by the King to hunt. These forests were cared for⁴ and guarded⁵ by the King's Foresters⁶.

One of these royal⁷ forests was Sherwood, near the town of Nottingham. In this forest lived Hugh Fitzooth, Sherwood's head forester. He lived there with his wife and son Robert. The boy had been born in Lockesley town, so he was called⁸ Rob of Lockesley.

1. **certain** [ˈsɜːrtən] (a.) 一些

2. **forest** [ˈfɒːrɪst] (n.) 森林

3. **country** [ˈkʌntri] (n.)
國家；鄉鎮

4. **care for** 照料

5. **guard** [ɡɑːrd] (v.) 保護

6. **forester** [ˈfɔːrɪstər] (n.)
林務官

7. **royal** [ˈrɔɪəl] (a.) 皇室的

8. **be called** 被命名為



He was a handsome and strong boy. As soon as he could walk, he delighted in⁹ going into the forest with his father. From his father, he learned to use the longbow¹⁰. His loving mother, who was from a noble¹¹ family, taught him to read and write. Rob learned these lessons well, but he was happiest walking in the forest with his bow in hand.

9. **delight in** 享受於

10. **longbow** ['lɒŋbəʊ] (n.) 長弓

11. **noble** ['nəʊbəl] (a.) 貴族的



Rob's happiness soon ended because his father had enemies¹. One of these enemies was the Sheriff of Nottingham.

One day, the Sheriff convinced² King Harry that Rob's father had criticized³ the King in public⁴. Hugh was arrested⁵ for treason⁶ and sent to jail⁷.

1. **enemy** ['enəmi] (n.) 敵人

2. **convince** [kən'vins] (v.)
說服

3. **criticize** ['kritisaɪz] (v.) 批評

4. **in public** 公然地

5. **arrest** [ə'rest] (v.) 逮捕

6. **treason** ['tri:zən] (n.)
叛國；謀反

7. **jail** [dʒeɪl] (n.) 監獄

Rob and his mother were kicked out of⁸ their house. Rob's mother died of shock⁹, and Rob went to live with his uncle, Sir Gamwell. Soon after¹⁰, Rob got the news that his father had died in prison¹¹.

Sir Gamwell was a kind man who gladly took care of Rob. Many years later, he said, "Rob, there is a chance for you to use that bow for a good purpose¹². There is an archery¹³ contest at a fair¹⁴ in Nottingham. The first prize¹⁵ is a golden arrow¹⁶."

8. **kick out of** 踢出；趕出

9. **shock** [ʃɑ:k] (n.)

中風；休克；驚嚇

10. **soon after** 不久後

11. **prison** [ˈprɪzən] (n.) 監獄

12. **purpose** [ˈpɜ:rpəs] (n.) 目的

13. **archery** [ˈɑ:rtʃəri] (n.) 箭術

14. **fair** [fer] (n.) 市集；博覽會

15. **prize** [praɪz] (n.) 大獎

16. **arrow** [ˈærou] (n.) 箭

One Point Lesson

- One day, the Sheriff convinced King Harry that Rob's father **had criticized** the King in public.

有天警長向國王告狀說，羅伯的父親公然批評國王。

過去完成式 (had + 過去分詞)：過去的過去，通常與過去簡單式搭配來表達相對時間關係。

- e.g. When I came back, my friend **had** already **left**.

當我回來時，朋友已經離開了。



Rob's eyes lit up¹. "I would like a chance to compete²," he said. "And perhaps I could win a place as a forester even if I don't win first prize."

"Now I can see that you are more suited³ to spend⁴ your days walking under the trees," said Sir Gamwell. "Good luck to you, lad⁵."

The next day, Rob set off⁶. It was midmorning when he came across⁷ a group of men. Immediately⁸, he saw the man who had replaced⁹ his father as head forester. He was a good friend of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Rob decided not to¹⁰ say anything and kept walking. But the head forester, who did not recognize¹¹ Rob, spoke up.

1. **light up** 照亮

2. **compete** [kəmˈpi:t] (v.) 競爭

3. **be suited** 合適的

4. **spend** [spend] (v.) 花費

5. **lad** [læd] (n.) 小伙子；男孩

6. **set off** 出發；動身

7. **come across** 遇見

8. **immediately** [ɪˈmi:diətli]

(adv.) 立刻地

9. **replace** [riˈpleɪs] (v.) 取代

10. **decide to** 決定要

11. **recognize** [ˈrekəɡnaɪz] (v.)
認出

12. **sudden** [ˈsʌdn] (a.) 忽然的

13. **rage** [reɪdʒ] (n.) 怒火



“Where are you going, boy, with your cheap bow and toy arrows? Do you think you have a chance at the fair? Ha ha ha!”

Rob felt a sudden¹² rage¹³. “My bow is as good as yours,” he said to the head forester.

One Point Lesson

💧 **It was** midmorning **when** he came across a group of men.

就在上午時，他遇見了一群人。

It was ... when ... : 正是……的時候；強調當時時間。

e.g. **It was** last April **when** I visited Paris.

就是去年四月時，我到訪巴黎。

The head forester replied, “Then show us some of your skill¹, boy. I’ll bet² you twenty silver coins³ that you cannot hit⁴ the mark⁵ I choose⁶.”

“Name⁷ your mark,” said Rob. “I accept⁸ your challenge⁹.”



1. **skill** [skɪl] (n.) 技巧
2. **bet** [bet] (v.) 打賭
3. **coin** [kɔɪn] (n.) 錢幣
4. **hit** [hɪt] (v.) 打中
5. **mark** [mɑːrk] (n.) 目標；靶
6. **choose** [tʃuːz] (v.) 選擇

7. **name** [neɪm] (v.)
命名；指定
8. **accept** [əkˈsept] (v.) 接受
9. **challenge** [ˈtʃælɪndʒ]
(n.) 挑戰
10. **point to** (v.) 指向
11. **flash** [flæʃ] (n.) 閃光

The head forester pointed to¹⁰ a group of deer far away.

Quicker than a flash¹¹, Rob took the bow from his back and let an arrow fly.



It pierced¹² the heart of the leading deer. Then the head forester grew¹³ angry and yelled, “Foolish boy! Do you know you have killed one of the King’s deer? The penalty¹⁴ is death¹⁵! Get out of¹⁶ here, and do not show me your face again!”

Rob replied angrily, “Fine, for I have seen your face too often. You are the one who wrongly¹⁷ took my father’s job!”

With that¹⁸, Rob turned and walked away.

12. **pierce** [pɪrs] (v.) 刺穿

13. **grow** [ɡrou] (v.) 變得；增加

14. **penalty** [ˈpenəlti] (n.) 罰責

15. **death** [deθ] (n.) 死刑

16. **get out of** 離開……

17. **wrongly** [ˈrɔ:ŋli] (adv.)

錯誤地；不正直地

18. **with that** 說完便……



✓ Check Up

True or False

- ☐ a Rob was shot in the back. _____
- ☐ b The old woman welcomed Rob. _____

Ans: ☐ a ☐ F ☐ b ☐ T

One Point Lesson

- 💧 The head forester fell forward, dead **as** he hit the ground.

林務官向前跌，墜落地上死去了。

as: 當……時；如同……

e.g. Just do **as** I say. 照我說的做。

- A** Choose the word from the list that best match the definition.

blowing through skilled with
arrested for came across guarded by

- ① The forests were _____ the King's foresters.
- ② Men could be _____ shooting the King's deer.
- ③ Rob _____ a group of foresters on his way to Nottingham.
- ④ "An evil wind is _____ Sherwood," said the old lady.
- ⑤ Men who were _____ a bow were hiding in Sherwood.

- B** True or False.

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| T | F | ① The Sheriff of Nottingham was an enemy of Rob's father. |
| T | F | ② The new head forester was kind to Rob. |
| T | F | ③ The new head forester wanted to arrest Rob for killing a deer. |
| T | F | ④ Rob planned to become the leader of the outlaws in Sherwood. |

C Choose the correct answer.

- 1 Rob's father, Hugh, _____.
(a) was a bad man who cheated and lied
(b) was cheated out of his position as head forester
(c) became an outlaw after he shot a deer
- 2 Rob's mother _____.
(a) died in prison
(b) went away to work at the King's court
(c) died of shock when they lost their home

D Rearrange the following sentences in chronological order.

- 1 Rob killed the man who took his father's job.
- 2 Rob decided to enter the archery contest at the Nottingham Fair.
- 3 Rob met the widow's sons.
- 4 Rob went to live with his uncle, Sir Gamwell.
- 5 Rob had a happy life under the trees of Sherwood.

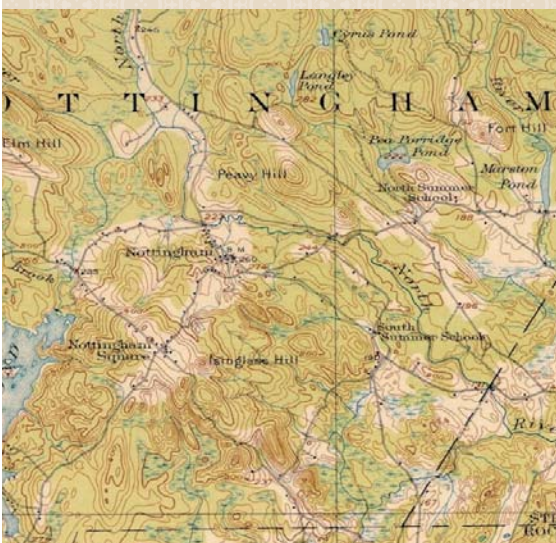
_____ ⇒ _____ ⇒ _____ ⇒ _____ ⇒ _____

Understanding the Story



Man or Myth¹?

Was Robin Hood a real man, or did he only exist² in old English legends³? Fans⁴ of the legend offer⁵ a wide variety⁶ of Robert's and Robin's from the early 13th to the 14th centuries⁷ as the one true man behind the legend. One of the earliest is the Robert Hod that appears⁸ in court⁹ records¹⁰ for 1226. Another possible Robin Hood is the William Robehod of 1262, whose name, royal records show, was changed to William Robinhood. Then there's the 1316 record of a marriage¹¹ between a Matilda Hood and Robin Hood mentioned¹² in the Wakefield Court Rolls. Unfortunately, these records usually only offer a name and



1. **myth** [miθ] (n.) 虛構的人事物；神話
2. **exist** [ɪgˈzɪst] (v.) 存在
3. **legend** [ˈledʒənd] (n.) 傳說
4. **fan** [fæn] (n.) 愛好者
5. **offer** [ˈɑːfər] (v.) 提供
6. **variety** [vəˈraɪəti] (n.) 各式各樣
7. **century** [ˈsentʃəri] (n.) 世紀

8. **appear** [əˈpɪr] (v.) 出現
9. **court** [kɔːrt] (n.) 法庭
10. **record** [ˈrekərd] (n.) 紀錄；記載
11. **marriage** [ˈmæriɪdʒ] (n.) 婚姻
12. **mention** [ˈmenʃən] (v.) 提及
13. **support** [səˈpɔːrt] (v.) 支持
14. **reference** [ˈrefərəns] (n.) 言論提及

little else that supports¹³ the idea that these men were outlaws in Sherwood forest.

The first reference¹⁴ to Robin Hood as an outlaw by name is found in the book “The Vision¹⁵ of Piers Plowman,” written by William Langland in 1377. At this time, the peasants¹⁶ were growing more and more dissatisfied¹⁷ with the ruling¹⁸ nobility¹⁹. This discontent²⁰ exploded²¹ in the Peasant’s Revolt²² of 1381. It is very likely²³ that the legend of Robin Hood was created to give the peasants a hero. In the end, since most events in the various Robin Hood stories are folklore²⁴, arguments²⁵ over the “real” or “true” Robin Hood are unlikely to reach any conclusion²⁶. Even if a historical Robin Hood or a similar person did indeed²⁷ exist, finding actual evidence²⁸ about his life is highly unlikely.



15. **vision** [ˈvɪʒən] (n.) 視覺；洞察力

16. **peasant** [ˈpezənt] (n.) 農夫

17. **dissatisfied** [dɪˈsætɪsfaid] (a.)
不滿意的

18. **ruling** [ˈruːlɪŋ] (a.) 掌權的

19. **nobility** [nouˈbɪlɪti] (n.) 貴族

20. **discontent** [ˌdɪskənˈtent] (n.)
不滿

21. **explode** [ɪkˈspləʊd] (v.)

(情感) 爆發；使……爆炸

22. **revolt** [rɪˈvəʊlt] (n.) 抗爭；起義

23. **likely** [ˈlaɪkli] (a.) 可能的

24. **folklore** [ˈfəʊklɔːr] (n.) 民間傳說

25. **argument** [ˈɑːɡjəmənt] (n.) 爭議

26. **conclusion** [kənˈkluːʒən] (n.) 結論

27. **indeed** [ɪnˈdiːd] (adv.) 確實地

28. **evidence** [ˈeɪdɪns] (n.) 證據