

## The First Written Assignment –Sample

Robin Hood is one of the most popular and interesting figures in English folklore, and his story is quite well known across the world. There have been several films made about him, including three in Hollywood. But who was he, and did he actually exist?

In the thirteenth century, the story goes, there was a young man In Nottingham who fought against injustice with his band of outlaws. At the time, King Richard and his army were fighting in foreign lands. Richard's brother John ruled England while he was away. John was a mean and cruel ruler, and so was his friend – the terrible Sheriff of Nottingham. The Sheriff demanded money from all the people who lived in the area of Nottingham. The poor had to pay large amounts, and struggled to survive and feed their families.

In the legend, Robin Hood was angry at the injustice and decided to fight against it. He and his band of outlaws lived in Sherwood Forest, an enormous wood near Nottingham that belonged to the King. They hunted the King's deer for food. They also robbed rich people who were traveling through the forest and gave the money to poor people. The forest was considered a dangerous place, but to Robin and his band, it was a place of safety, away from the Sheriff's men.

There is some evidence that a man called Robin Hood actually lived during the thirteenth century, but it is unlikely that he was such a good man. But it is the heroic figure in the legend that we remember.

1. True or false
  - a) Robin Hood was French.
  - b) John was the King of England.
  - c) Robin Hood lived in a forest.
  - d) Robin Hood gave money to the rich.
  - e) No movies were made about him.
  - f) Robin Hood was killed by the Sheriff.
  - g) He lived in the thirtieth century.
  - h) Robin was Richard's brother.
2. Answer the questions (write full sentences)
  - a) Why did Robin Hood fight?
  - b) Who did Robin Hood rebel against?
  - c) Who was Richard the Lionheart?
  - d) How did Robin Hood rebel?
  - e) How did Robin Hood and his outlaws survive in the woods?
  - f) What did the Sheriff want from the people?
  - g) Is there any evidence that Robin Hood actually existed?
  - h) Who was Robin Hood?
3. Describe the picture.

