

A Cardinal for Kids Study Guide

Overview

Step into Sherwood Forest for this action-packed adventure! In their fight for equality and justice, Robin Hood and his friends use every trick in the book to outsmart the evil Prince John and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

When?

The story of Robin Hood takes place in England during the **Middle Ages**, also known as the Medieval period, (the years 400 to 1400 CE).

Where?

It is unknown whether Robin Hood was a real person or an imaginary character—but **England** is a real country, and Sherwood Forest and the City of Nottingham are real places there.

Characters in the Play

Robin Hood: an outlaw, a young man who hides from the Sheriff

Robin's Merry Men: Much, Will Scarlett, Little John, and Friar Tuck, are all friends of Robin Hood

Prince John: the temporary ruler of England, ruling while his brother King Richard is away at war

The Sheriff of Nottingham: police chief and tax collector, a friend to Prince John

Soldiers: men who work for Prince John and the Sheriff

King Richard: the King of England

Maid Marian: a young woman of Nottingham

Maid Marian's Father: Marian's dad, who wants his daughter to marry rich

Beggars: poor people, asking for money and food

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What's the Story?

A poor man breaks the law by killing a deer in Sherwood Forest, which belongs to the King. The Sheriff of Nottingham, who catches the man, works for Prince John. The Sheriff and Prince John make poor people poorer by collecting money (called taxes) from them, but giving them nothing in return. The Sheriff wants the poor man he catches to help him find Robin Hood, who lives in Sherwood Forest. The rich people don't like Robin Hood because he tries to help poor people.

When Robin Hood's friends try to protect him, one man is captured. To rescue his friend, Robin Hood disguises himself as a woman. He and his friends fight the Sheriff with swords and escape. Prince John is mad that Robin Hood escaped and stole his money, too. He asks Maid Marian, a young woman, to help him find Robin Hood. At first, Maid Marian plays a trick on Robin Hood, but then she decides to help him, because she hopes that Robin Hood can help her father.

Robin Hood and his friends decide to enter the Prince's archery contest, where the winner receives a silver arrow. Robin Hood disguises himself as an old man. Also disguised as a man, Maid Marian enters the contest too. They do not recognize each other at the contest—but the Sheriff recognizes Robin Hood and attacks him. They battle with swords, and Robin Hood is the winner. He and Maid Marian get married. Later on, the mean Prince John becomes the new King of England and captures Robin Hood. But again, Robin Hood escapes, and disappears into the forest. No one ever sees him again.



Vocabulary Words and Phrases in the Play

Feather your own nest: Make yourself richer by taking what is meant for others to have

Giddy: A jumpy, happy feeling

Guile: Clever trickery

Gaggle: A disorganized group

Sanctuary: Shelter or protection

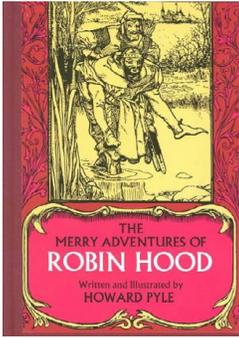
Taking a bath in money: Having more money than you know what to do with

Traitor: Someone who is disloyal

Can you use these words and phrases in a sentence? Do you hear people today using these words and phrases?

Booklist

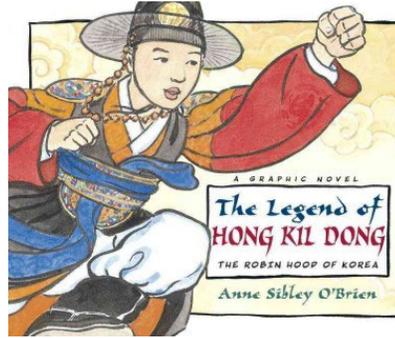
Read more about Robin Hood and other stories based on this legendary character. These books are available in the Children's Area at Monroe County Public Library in print, ebook, or audiobook.



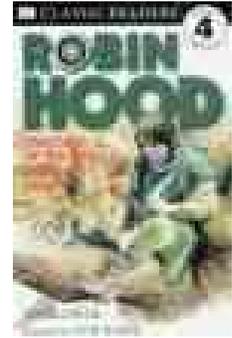
The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood
by Pyle



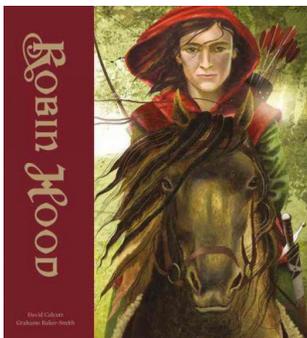
Hawksmaid: the Untold Story of Robin Hood and Maid Marian
by Lasky



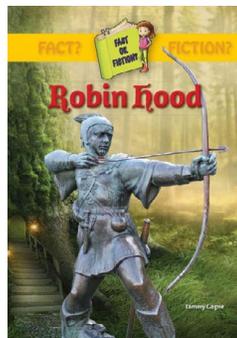
The Legend of Hong Kil Dong, the Robin Hood of Korea by O'Brien



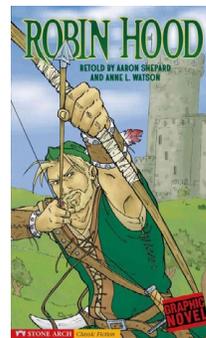
Robin Hood: The Tale of the Great Outlaw Hero
by Bull



Robin Hood
by Calcutt



Robin Hood: Fact or Fiction
by Gagne



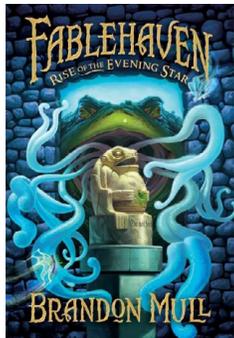
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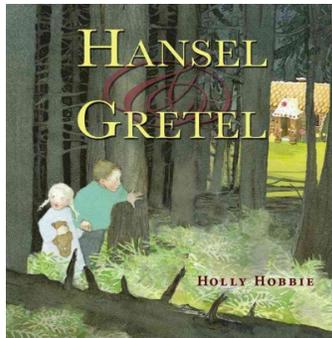
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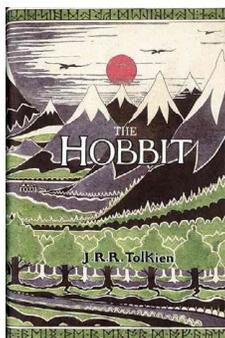
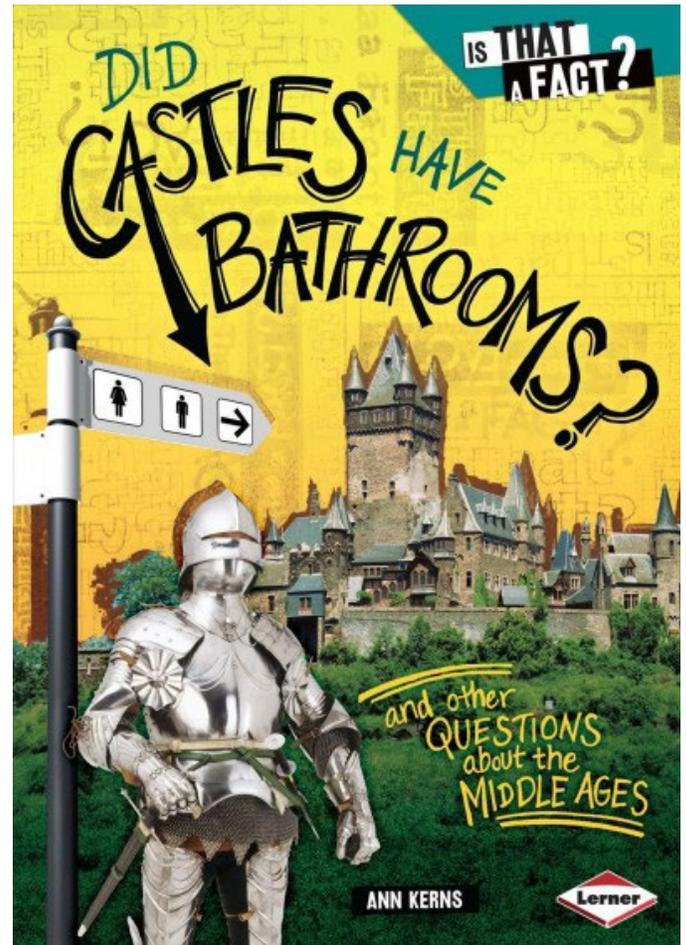
Characters in many other stories go into forests. Find these and other books at the Library.



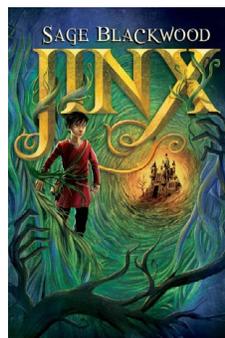
Fablehaven
by Mull



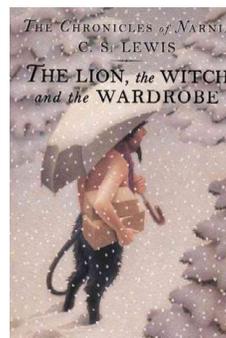
Hansel and Gretel



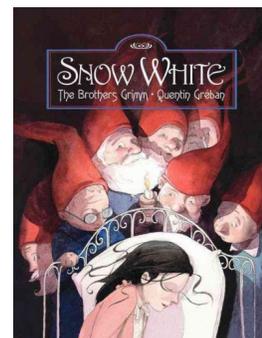
The Hobbit
by Tolkien



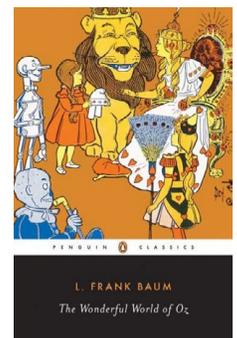
Jinx
by Blackwood



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe
by Lewis



Snow White



The Wonderful Wizard of Oz
by Baum

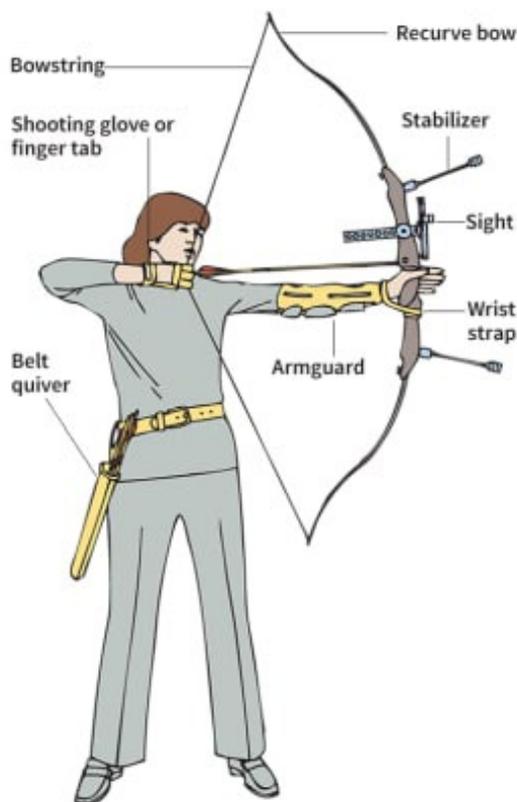
The Middle Ages

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Heraldry is a system of symbols used to represent individuals, families, countries, and even schools.

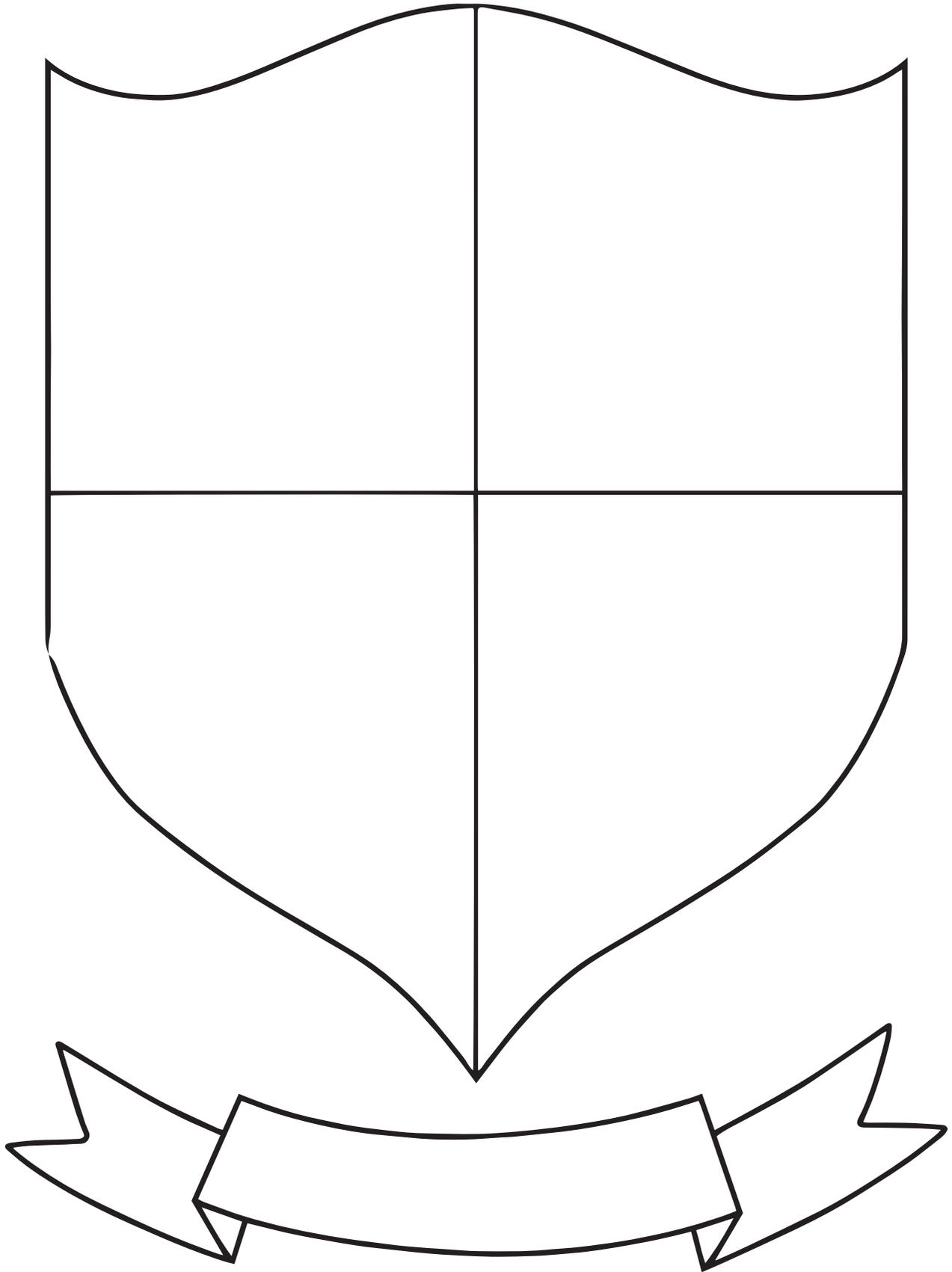
Knights who lived during the Middle Ages often had a **coat of arms**—a design that would appear on their shields or flags. They would carry or drape it on their horses to help identify themselves. Design your own coat of arms of the next page.



Knights usually fought with swords, but people in the Middle Ages also fought with bows and arrows. **Archery** is the contest of shooting with a bow and arrow. This is what a modern bow and arrow looks like.

A **motto** is a few words that describe you or your beliefs. Create a motto for yourself.

Design Your Own Coat of Arms





After Talk

What are taxes and why do we have them? What is “taxation without representation?”

These books and online resources can help you learn more about taxes.

- **Taxes, Taxes! : Where the Money Goes**, by Loewen
- **Understanding Taxes: Student Guide**, from the United States Internal Revenue Service
<https://apps.irs.gov/app/understandingTaxes/student/whys.jsp>

How else could Robin Hood have helped people without fighting? What are some other ways they could have solved their problems?

Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi are two people who practiced civil disobedience. **What does “civil disobedience” mean?** These books and online resources can help you learn more about this non-violent form of protest. What other resources can you find?

- History Illustrated video explaining Civil Disobedience:
<youtu.be/X2ZHv-pcle0>
- Congress for Kids website: Is this Civil Disobedience or Isn't It?
congressforkids.net/citizenship_1_isthiscivildisob.htm
- Online resources from Teaching Tolerance, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, describe actions of civil disobedience by different groups. <tolerance.org>

Is it ever okay to steal something? Why or why not?

Is Robin Hood a hero? Why? Who are some other heroes you know?

What is Sherwood Forest like in this play? Is it a dangerous place? A safe place? Why does Robin Hood choose to live there?

How Can We Help People in Need?

In the play, Robin Hood and his friends steal money from the rich to give to the poor. They want to help people who are in need.

But we don't need to steal in order to help people. Our community is lucky to have many organizations that provide help for people in need. **Mother Hubbard's Cupboard** (mhcfoodpantry.org) is one of those organizations.

Mother Hubbard's Cupboard (also known as "The Hub") is at 1100 W. Allen Street in Bloomington.

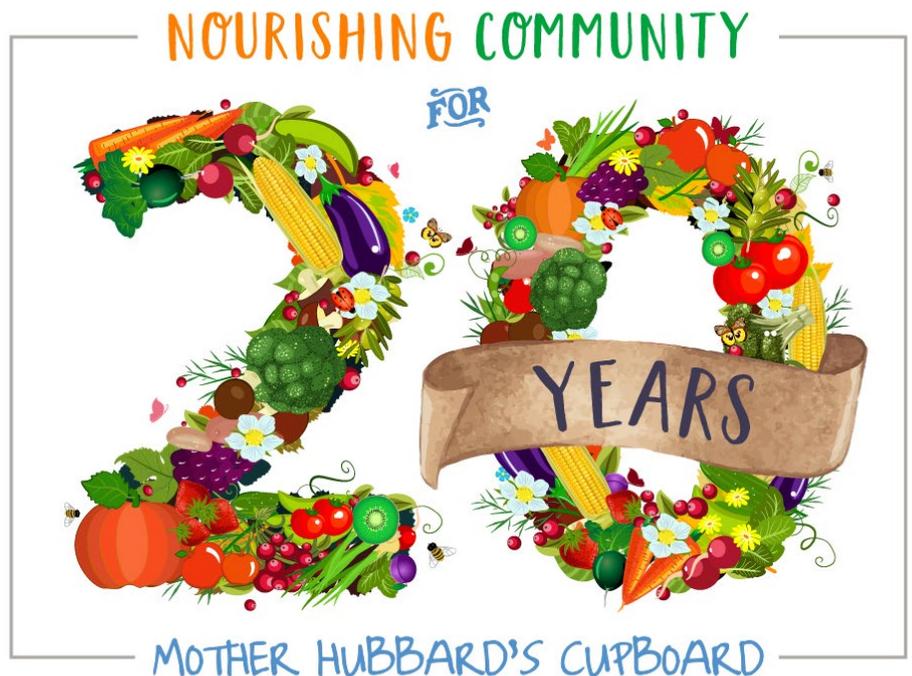
At the Hub, the goal is to help all people in need get healthy food and live well. The food pantry there looks like a small grocery store, with a lot of fresh fruits and vegetables.

The Hub offers free workshops on cooking and gardening—you can even borrow kitchen and garden tools there. The Hub's youth educator leads kids' gardening activities on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. You can also come to a weekly drop-in cooking class like **Kids Cook**: a hands-on workshop for kids to experiment in the kitchen, every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:15 to 5 p.m. And on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in the spring, you can work outside in the Hub's gardens.

There is no minimum age for volunteering. All ages and abilities are welcome. Families with young children and infants often volunteer together, especially in the garden. For more information about Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, contact Amanda Nickey at amanda@mhcfoodpantry.org or (812) 355-6843.

What healthy foods do you like to eat? Ask an adult to help you make the recipe for zucchini fries on the next page.

A school can also be considered a community. What are some ways students help each other at school?





RECIPE



Kids Cook Baked Parmesan Zucchini Fries Recipe

Make this tasty treat using zucchini, a fresh garden vegetable.

Ingredients:

- 4 zucchini, quartered lengthwise
- 1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat a cooling rack with nonstick spray and place on a baking sheet; set aside.
2. In a small bowl, combine Parmesan, thyme, oregano, basil, garlic powder, and salt and pepper.
3. Place zucchini onto prepared baking sheet. Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with Parmesan mixture. Place into oven and bake until tender, about 15 minutes. Then broil for 2-3 minutes, or until crisp and golden brown.
4. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley if desired.

