



Education Guide

This *Education Guide* is designed to enhance your at-home theatre experience. Here you will find history/contextual information, theatre activities, as well as crafts, and writing prompts. Keep your week fun and full of inspiration with the whole family! Come back each week through May for more show related activities!



Picture from an MCT stage production of *Robin Hood*

Synopsis:

The time is simply long ago and the place is the magical, mythical Sherwood Forest. Our hero, Robin Hood, and his Merry Band of colorful characters manage to waylay the Aristocrat and set out to rescue Maid Marion and Marion's Maid. Prince John tries to stay calm as his Sheriff and Guard Robin's arrest thanks to the aromatic Skunks. Wacky humor and an original score add to this fresh new look at a legendary outlaw in a legendary time.

Geography:



No one knows for sure whether or not Robin Hood was a real person, but there are plenty of tales surrounding his story, which takes place in Nottingham, England.

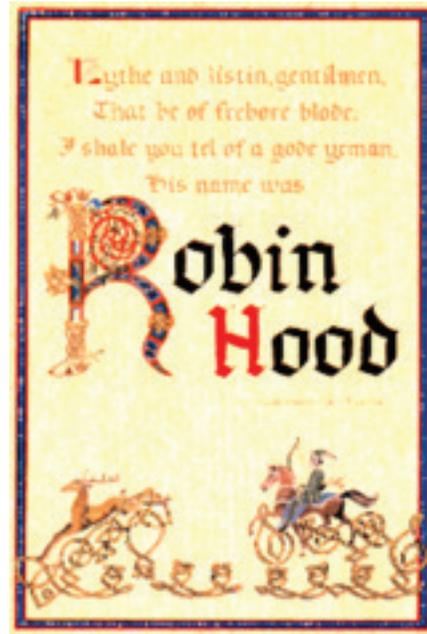


In fact, the first ever references to Robin Hood date back to the 14th and 15th century! *The Lyttle Geste of Robyn Hode* was one of the original ballads, and the modern tale we know and love today! The folklore surrounding Robin Hood have gained so much popularity over the many years, there is even a statue dedicated to him in Nottingham.

Vocabulary Words:

Ballad: *noun*

A poem or song narrating a story in short stanzas. Traditional ballads are typically of unknown authorship, having been passed on orally from one generation to the next as part of the folk culture.



Folklore: *noun*

The traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth.



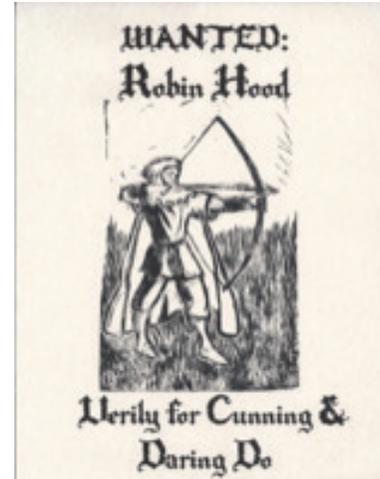
Minstrel: *noun*

A medieval singer or musician, especially one who sang or recited lyric or heroic poetry to a musical accompaniment for the nobility.



Outlaw: *noun*

A person who has broken the law, especially one who remains at large or is a fugitive.



Peasant: *noun*

A poor farmer of low social status who owns or rents a small piece of land for cultivation (chiefly in historical use or with reference to subsistence farming in poorer countries).



Aristocracy: *noun*

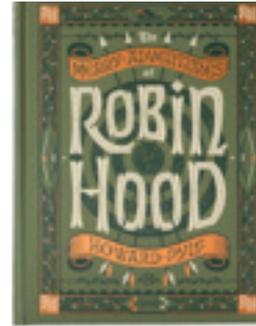
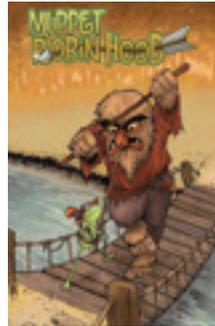
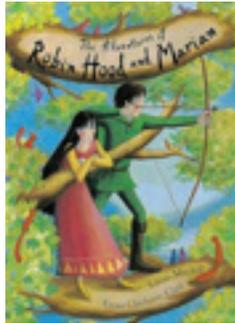
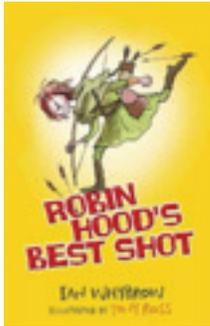
The highest class in certain societies, especially those holding hereditary titles or offices.



Book and Movie Suggestions:

In the spirit of Theatre, enjoy some of these books and movies for further inspiration!

Books:



Robin Hood's Best Shot by Ian Whybrow

The Adventures of Robin Hood and Marian by Adrian Mitchell and Emma Clark

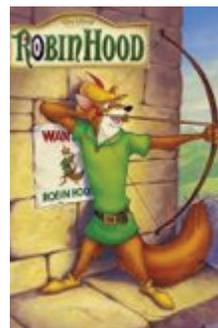
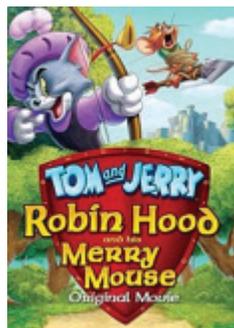
Muppet Robin Hood by Tim Beedle

The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood by Howard Pyle

Movies:

Tom and Jerry: Robin Hood and His Merry Mouse

Disney's Robin Hood



YouTube:

Watch full length MCT tour productions of *Robin Hood* by following these YouTube links!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XXH-hvGC-YA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyaOqDliwrk>



Journal Prompt:

Write about a time when you helped someone less fortunate than you.

How did this experience make you feel?

How can you continue to help others in your day to day life?



DIY Costume and Props:

A production is not complete without Props and Costumes! See if you can recreate these crafts at home to further enhance your performance, while learning something about their history along the way!

The Coronation Crown:

The crown most illustrations of Prince John show him wearing. This crown was reserved special occasions to show high status. It is also known as the Imperial Crown.



DIY Prince John Crown: <https://www.firstpalette.com/craft/medieval-crown.html>

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Hennin: *noun*

A conical or heart-shaped hat, sometimes extremely high, with a flowing veil or piece of starched linen about the crown, worn by women in the 15th century.

What we know today as the classic princess hat! Most likely what Maid Marion wore!



DIY Hennin Tutorial: <https://www.makermama.com/2011/10/princess-hat-tutorial.html>

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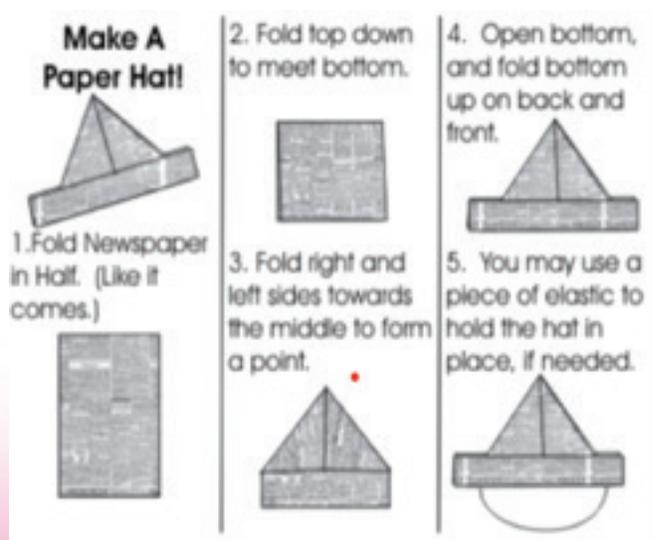
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Bycocket:

The Bycocket, also known as the Chapeau à Bec, is the type of hat Robin Hood wears!

It's often decorated with feathers, jewels, or other ornaments and was a featured head piece for men and women from the 13th-15th century!

Though similar in appearance, the hat worn by Peter Pan is called the Archer's Hat, which is smaller and shorter with a more vertical feather. The Bycocket's hat is much longer, with the feather sitted horizontally. The Phrygian hat, also known as the Liberty Cap, came from Roman slaves to show their freedom during the French Revolution. This was worn as a symbol of freedom and liberty, ideals associated with both Robin Hood and Peter Pan.



Create your own paper Bycocket with newspaper!

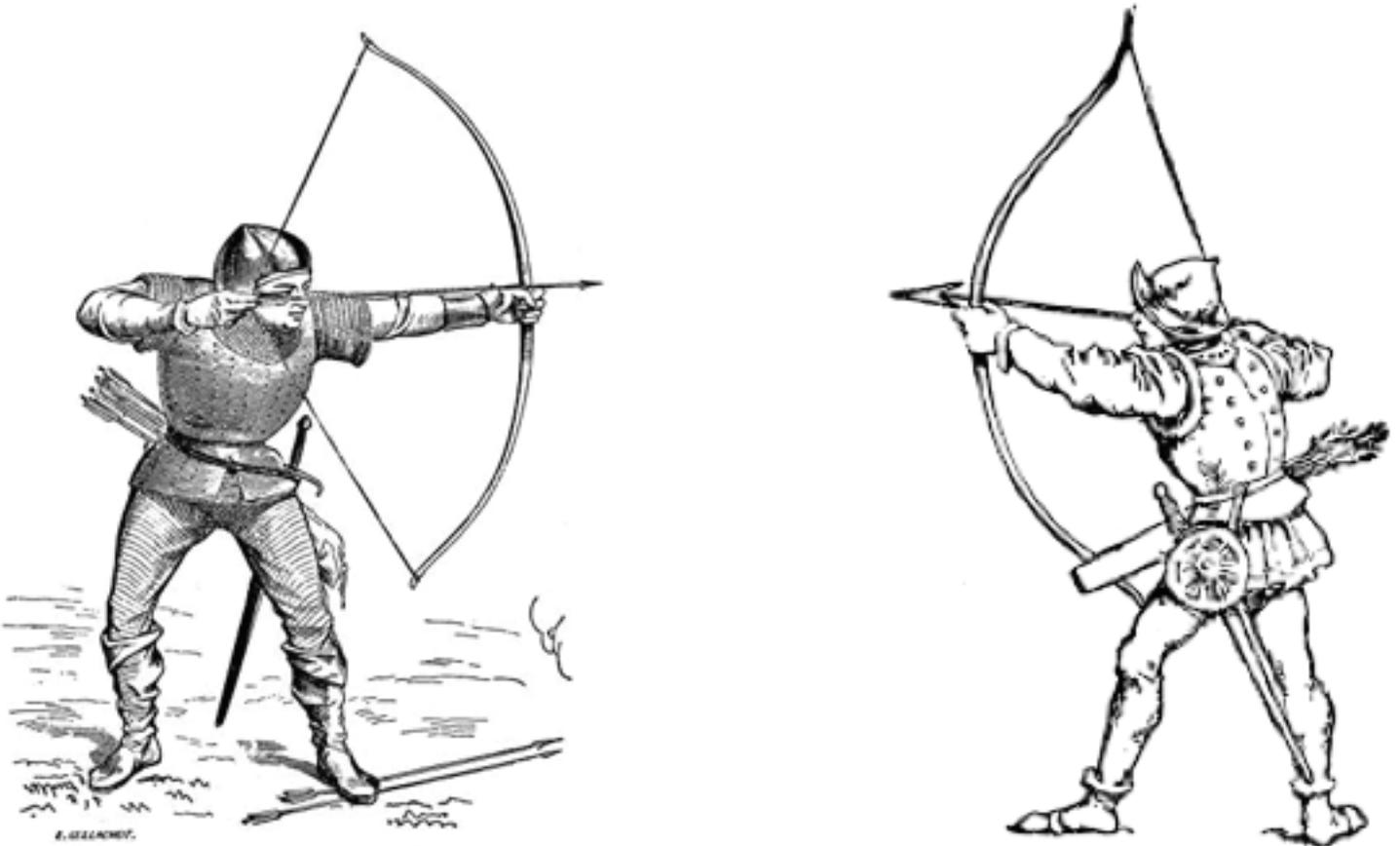
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Longbow: *noun*

A large bow drawn by hand and shooting a long feathered arrow. It was the chief weapon of English armies from the 14th century until the introduction of firearms. Just like the one Robin Hood uses!



Get crafty and create your own longbow at home by following this link!: <http://thepinklab.blogspot.com/2013/07/diy-easy-bow-and-arrow.html?m=1>

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Fashion:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1400%E2%80%931500_in_European_fashion

Movies:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tom_and_Jerry%27s_Giant_Adventure

<https://www.amazon.com/Robin-Hood-Disney-Brian-Bedford/dp/B00004R99P>

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Hennin

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Bycocket

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Longbow

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