



The Story of Robin Hood

This is a great exercise to explore assumptions, decisions, different perspectives, bias, prejudice and even listening skills.

Read the story and then use selected questions to identify the different interpretations people place on the story and explore the issues that are relevant.

The Story

We have all heard the story of Robin Hood but today I am going to tell you the real story...

Robin Hood stole from the rich to give to the poor. The people loved Robin, which the Sheriff of Nottingham could not understand. It was because of Robin he continued to raise the taxes on the poor, for which he was despised.

This really annoyed the Sheriff and he offered a reward for the capture of Robin. One evening Robin was caught unaware while gazing into the eyes of Maid Marion, his one true love.

The Sheriff was delighted and immediately stated that Robin would be hanged the very next morning.

This distressed Maid Marion greatly and she pleaded to the Sheriff to set her love free. The Sheriff said that he would do so on one condition. Marion had to spend the night with him. Marion realised that to save Robin she would have to do this and agreed.

The next morning Robin was released and on finding out what Marion had done, cast her aside.

Marion was beside herself with grief and ran into the arms of Little John who was a friend to both Robin and Marion.

Little John was in love with Marion and asked her to marry him. She knew Robin was lost to her so she agreed.

Friar Tuck performed the ceremony and Marion and Little John moved away from Sherwood Forest to begin their married life together.

The End

The Debrief/Questions

As the group to collectively decide on:

- 1) Who is the villain of the story?
- 2) Who is the hero?

Types of Questions to explore issues further/challenge thinking:

- How is Robin a hero when his profession is a thief?
- Was Marion right to agree to spend the night?
- Could Marion have found another way to save Robin?
- What if the Sheriff loved Marion too?
- Did the sheriff not keep his word?
- Why was Robin so quick to judge?
- Where was Robin's trust in Marion?
- What if it was Robin's vanity that made him distrust Marion?
- Do you think Robin's reaction was based more on what others would think?
- What would have happened if Little John had not comforted Marion?
- Was Little John a true friend to Robin?