



# The Adventures of Robin Hood



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## What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



**H**ave you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions at the dinner table about your day? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are designed to help you look at the people, places,

and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. Many of Robin's men have special names or nicknames. If you had to choose names for your family or friends, what might they be? Do you have a nickname?

2. The prize for the winner of the sheriff's shooting contest was a golden arrow. Do you think it was the prize that appealed to Robin about the contest or was it something else?

3. The sheriff said that Robin's men feared nothing. Do you think this is true? Can you think of any instances when they were afraid? Do you know anyone who fears nothing?

4. Robin tells the sheriff that he "should never

buy a horse without first looking it in the mouth.” What does he mean? Do you agree with him?

5. Does Will’s story of being charged with murder sound very much like “history repeating itself”? What do you think this phrase means?

6. Robin tricks Friar Tuck into carrying him across the river on his shoulders. How do you feel about Robin and Friar Tuck’s behavior? Do they deserve what they got from each other?

7. Robin tells the bishop that “the bride will love her man as long as they both live.” How could he have been so sure? Did you know what Robin planned to do?

8. Sir Richard gives Robin his knightly word. What do you think this means? Is there an equivalent of that today?

9. In many of his adventures, Robin seems to get outsmarted. Why do you think that happens?

Did you realize what was happening before Robin did?

10. Robin can sometimes be self-centered. Do you agree? In what parts of the story do you see this behavior? Do you know anyone like Robin?