



# Robyn Hood

Stage 6

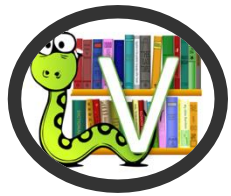
Unit Focus: Switched Fairy Tales

Text Focus: Narrative

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## Today we are learning to...



identify new words and discuss their meaning in context



explain and justify using evidence from the text

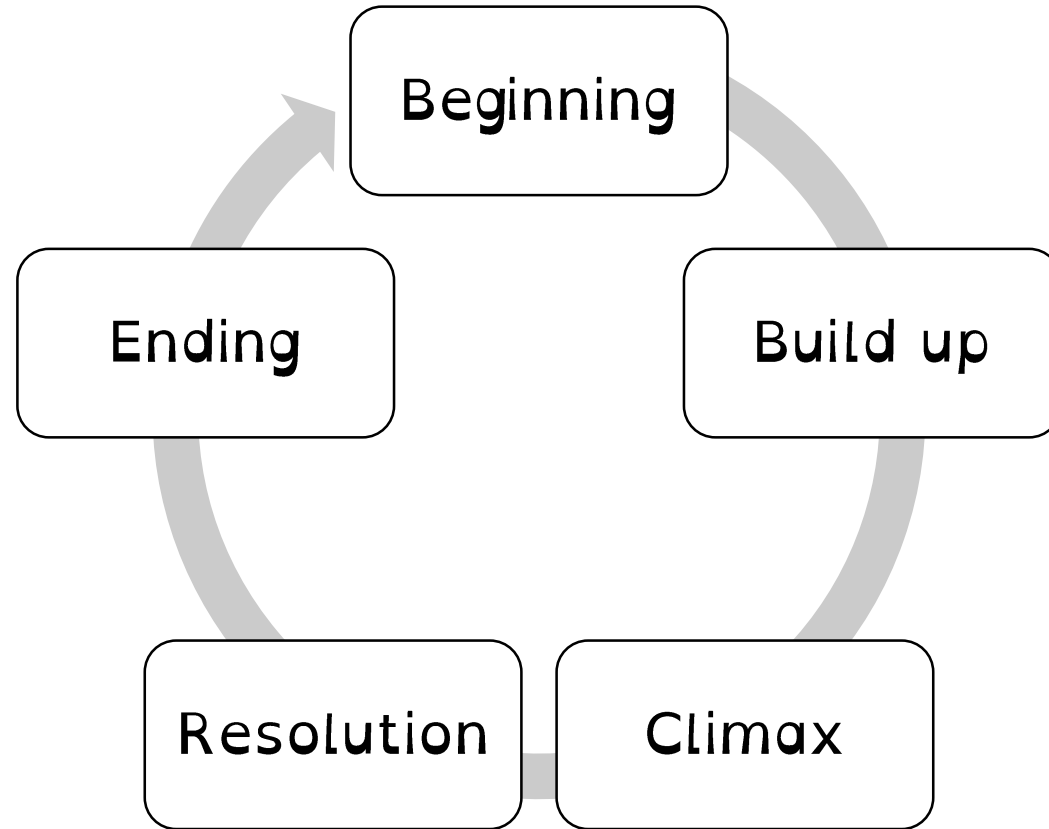


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# Before reading...

What happens in the traditional story of Robin Hood?





# Task 1: Read 'Robyn Hood'

*While you are reading, you may wish to:*

Underline/write down and identify any new, unknown words.

Underline/write down the names of the main characters and places.

# Robyn Hood

- Back home in Nottingham, the other girls had made fun of Robyn when she'd spent her nights practising with her yew bow. They'd laughed when she'd said that she wanted to rise up against Prince John. They'd sniggered when she'd said she wanted to lead her own army. They were all wrong.
- Over the years, Robyn became an accomplished thief. Even though she could steal anything she wanted, she only stole what she really needed. Bread was her speciality. She soon became known for her dark green hood that she wore over her head and shoulders to conceal herself in a crowd. Eventually, the name Robyn Hood stuck.
- She'd often head out hunting in the Prince's forest that surrounded the city. The royal deer were sacred and hunting them was punishable by death. This didn't stop Robyn though, and soon a band of other misfits started to tag along with her hunts. Inevitably she was caught. Instead of sentencing such a young girl to death, the Prince took pity on her and gave her a choice. She could marry the Prince, or live as an outlaw in the forest. The Prince was a hideous and unkind man, and so Robyn's decision was easy. The Prince never forgave the snub and swore revenge on the girl and any who followed her.

- Robyn feared for her safety. Luckily, a giant girl named Joan stood by her side. As tall as a bear and just as strong, “Little” Joan was fiercely loyal. Thinking back to the girls who had laughed at her, Robyn now set out recruiting an army of rebels who would fight for her against the Prince. It took many years, but she eventually had a group large enough and loyal enough to start to hit the Prince hard. They started by holding up his waggons and stealing his gold. After taking their cut of the bounty, the rest was given back to the people of Sherwood.
- Legend of the hooded maiden and bear-girl stalked through the knights of Nottingham. Not a day went by where their feats weren’t exaggerated even further. With Robyn’s talent with her bow and Joan’s devastating quarterstaff, there wasn’t a man in the county who would face them willingly.
- Soon, word of the renegades reached the ear of Prince John. All of his attention now focused on reaping vengeance on his foe. His brother, King Richard, was fighting in the Crusades in the east along with most of the army, but he had enough soldiers to lead a siege on Robyn’s woodland hideout.

- Stars were scattered across the night sky like diamonds on a jeweller's canvas when his men set out. What Prince John didn't know was that one of Robyn's merry maidens was the sister of one of his guards. The night before, a message had been sent to Robyn, and she had fled. She didn't go far. Instead, her band of rebel girls doubled back in the forest until they formed a silent net around Prince John and his men. The first thing they knew about this trap was the sound of a heavy yew bow creaking under the strain of a drawn string.

## Task 1: Read 'Robyn Hood' in pairs

Read this extract from the story. How can you show the menacing mood using expression?

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## Task 2: True or false?

Which of these statements are true? Which are false?

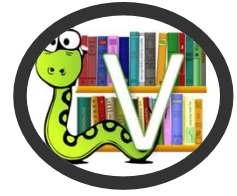
Statement	True	False
Robyn is an accomplished thief.		
Robyn steals from the poor to help the rich.		
Robyn agrees to marry the Prince.		
Little Joan is a loyal friend.		



## Task 2: True or false? ANSWERS

Which of these statements are true? Which are false?

Statement	True	False
Robyn is an accomplished thief.	✓	
Robyn steals from the poor to help the rich.		✓ (vice versa)
Robyn agrees to marry the Prince.		✓ (chooses life of an outlaw)
Little Joan is a loyal friend.	✓	



# Task 3: Vocabulary Check



Complete the table to show your understanding of these words.

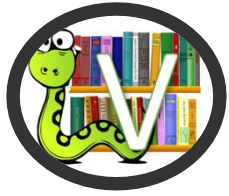
Word	Have you heard the word before?	What do you think it means?	Synonyms	Antonyms
feats		An achievement that requires courage	triumph	Failure Weakness defeats
renegade		Someone who rejects law	Outlaw Criminal rebel	follower
vengeance		Punishment or retribution	revenge	Mercy forgiveness



## Task 4: Vocabulary Check

Without looking at the text fill in the blanks with words or phrases that you feel match the author's intending meaning.

- 1) ...there wasn't a man in the county who would face them \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Stars were scattered across the night sky like \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) ...they formed \_\_\_\_\_ around Prince John and his men.



## Task 4: Vocabulary Check

How do your ideas compare with these original words and phrases?

- 1) ...there wasn't a man in the county who would face them willingly.
- 2) Stars were scattered across the night sky like diamonds on a jeweller's canvas...
- 3) ...they formed a silent net around Prince John and his men.



## Task 5: Explain and justify

Do you think Robyn will change her behaviour and stop stealing? Yes, no or maybe?

Explain your choice fully, using evidence from the text.

Spend some time preparing your answer. Use evidence from the story.

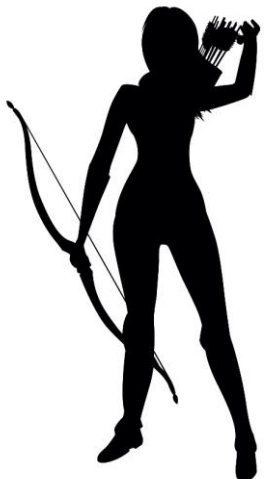
Remember to:

- **Predict** what might happen from details stated and implied.
- **Explain three** acceptable points or **two** acceptable points with at least one supported with evidence.

# Task 6: Let's look at these answers!

*How did they do?*

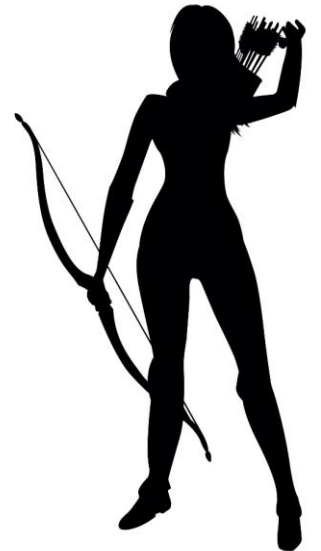
I think Robyn will change her behaviour because she will realise that she is putting the other rebel girls in danger. It says Prince John is only focused on 'reaping vengeance' so he will keep attacking until she stops. He has a big army behind him so she will have to change her ways.



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*How did they do?*

No because the Prince is evil and Robyn is good and brave.



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*How did they do?*

I don't think Robyn will change her ways. She is very determined and independent, as she'd rather live in the forest than marry the Prince. She has a good team of rebel girls behind her, like Little Joan, and I think they will defeat the Prince because it says they are surrounding him in a 'silent net'.



# Task 6: Let's look at these answers!

*How did you do?*

I think 'maybe' because the Prince is very powerful and she might realise it's putting other people in danger, like her friend Little Joan. On the other hand, she might not change her behaviour because she has a history of stealing – she has hunted the royal deer and didn't stop even when she was caught. She might think she is doing good work by giving the riches to the people of Sherwood.



# Task 7: How did you do?

Have you done well?

How can you improve their answer? Think about:

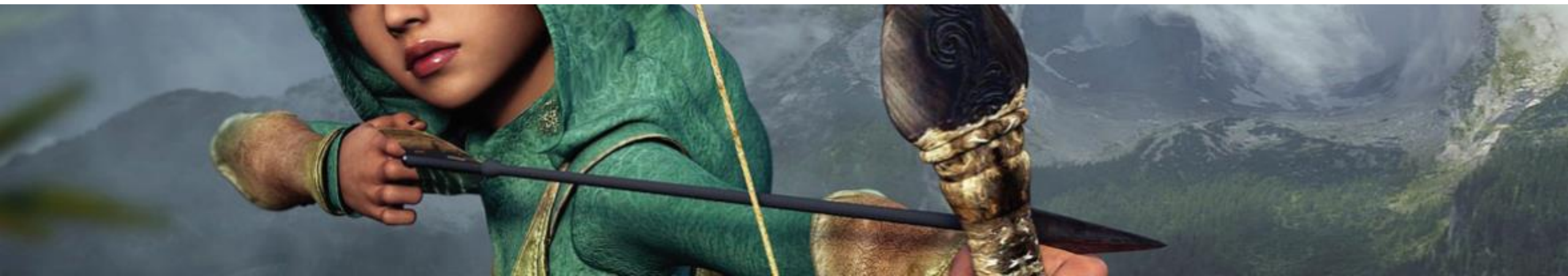
- Have you given and explained three acceptable points? Or two with at least one example of justification from the text?
- Is the evidence they have selected well matched to the point they have made?



## Task 8: Class discussion

Do you think Robyn deserves to be hailed as a heroine?

*Why? Why not? Use evidence from the story to support your opinion.*

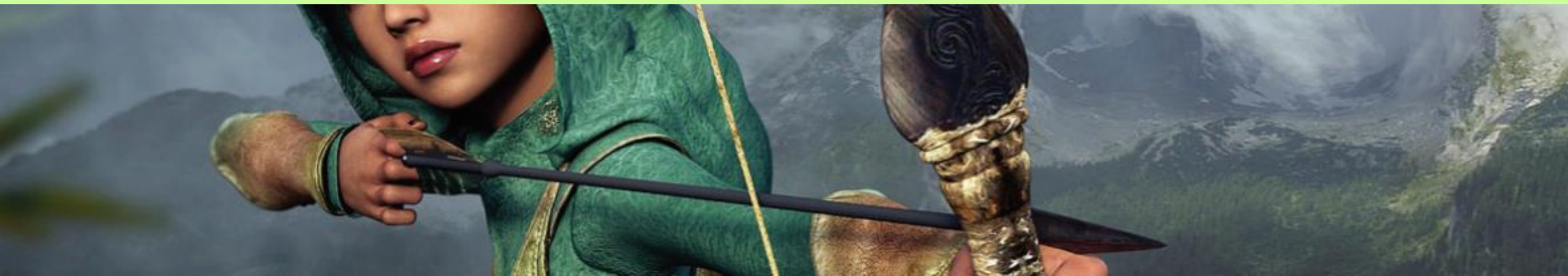




# Optional task for after the lesson!

Summarise the story from the point of view of Joan.

Now reduce this to a maximum of 15 words.



# Afternoon activity: Journaling

Reading for pleasure

Or

Have a go at 'journaling' using the book that you're reading now or one you've previously read.

Copy/print the front cover

Write out your favourite lines

Draw some of the characters





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