



Since 1377, when 'The Rhymes of Robin Hood' is referenced briefly in another medieval text, the legend of Robin Hood has fascinated people from all walks of life. The tales of an honourable thief, fighting against tyrannical Prince John with his loyal band of thieves while living in Sherwood Forest are well known. However, many people have also grown curious as to whether he ever actually existed. Historians have scoured a variety of documents and court records, using the legends as their guide, to find the man behind the myth.

The most elaborate early tale of Robin Hood is 'The Gest (a tale of adventures) of Robyn Hode' and most historians believe it dates back to around 1460. Surprisingly, Robin actually lives in a forest near Barnsdale in Yorkshire in the story, which is about 50 miles away from Nottingham. In the story, Robin is a yeoman (a landowner but not a nobleman) and a talented archer. He captures a poor knight who owes a debt to an evil monk at St Mary's in Nottingham. After hearing of his misfortune, Robin helps the knight pay his debt then proceeds to rob the monk afterwards. Later on, Robin meets with an unspecified King Edward, who offers him a job.



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Find and copy one word which means the same as 'mentioned'.

2

Summarise what you have learnt about Robin Hood from this extract in 30 words or fewer.

3

Explain why you think there are different tales with conflicting information involving Robin Hood.

4

Name **two** places that Robin Hood has been linked to.

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What name was given to one of the earlier versions of the Robin Hood tale?

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