



Activity: Robin Hood Morality Test



The Robin Hood Morality Test

(http://www.snuffbunny.com/morality_test)

The Sheriff of Nottingham captured Robin Hood and Little John and bound them in his prison. Maid Marion begged the Sheriff for their lives, pleading her love for Robin. The Sheriff agreed to release them only if Maid Marion spent the night with him. She reluctantly agreed.

The next morning the Sheriff released his prisoners. Robin at once demanded that Marion tell him how she persuaded the Sheriff to let them go free. Marion confessed the truth, and was shocked when Robin rejected her, saying she was no better than a prostitute, and saying that he never wanted to see her again.

At this Little John defended her, inviting her to leave Sherwood Forest with him and promising life-long devotion. She accepted and they rode away together.

Now in terms of realistic standards of behavior, put Robin, Marion, Little John and the Sheriff in the order in which you consider they showed the most morality and honesty. There is no 'right' answer.

1. _____ The best morality
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____ The worst morality

Now discuss your rankings with your partners or the class. Why did you choose as you did?

- Is Robin Hood principled or an ingrate?
- Is Little John kindhearted or an opportunist?
- Is Maid Marion self-sacrificing or maybe too ready to sleep with the Sheriff?
- Is the Sheriff a monster or a man who at least keeps his promise?