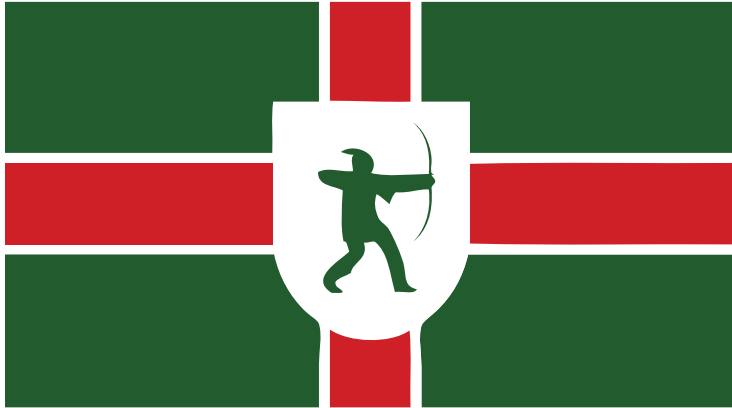


# → The Sport of Ballads

**Archery**, the game of shooting with a bow and arrow at a target, is played in the Summer Olympic games.



In English folk stories, **Robin Hood** is a master archer and noble outlaw. Assisted by his group of Merry Men, he rallied for the poor and reigned over the Sherwood Forest.

The origin of Robin Hood came from **ballads**, or story like songs that were shared by groups of people over time. Poets and songwriters were often the creators of ballads.

^ Flag of Nottinghamshire, England – home to Robin Hood

→ **A ballad is often four lines** — the second and fourth line of the ballad rhyme.

The 1st and 3rd line = Four beats — da-DUM, da-DUM, da-DUM, da-DUM

The 2nd and 4th line = Three beats — da-DUM, da-DUM, da-DUM

Examples: **Robin Hood Rescuing Three Squirrels No. 140, Version B**

From *The English and Scottish Popular Ballads* by Francis James Child, 1888

The first loud blast that he did blow,  
He blew both loud and shrill;  
A hundred and fifty of Robin Hood's men  
Came riding over the hill.

The next loud blast that he did give,  
He blew both loud and main,  
And quickly sixty of Robin Hood's men  
Came shining over the plain.

→ Create your own ballad about this noble and legendary archer OR about your own favorite sport, athlete, activity or hero!

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