



William Tell

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While reading

Scenes 1-3

- 1 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?
 - a Gessler's men want to kill Ruodi.
 - b Baumgarten kills a taxman with his knife.
 - c There isn't a lot of water in the river.
 - d Ruodi has three daughters.
 - e William Tell takes Baumgarten across the river.
 - f William Tell wants to fight the Austrians.
- 2 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.
 - a houses The on put Austrians taxes
.....
 - b talk Swiss Gessler to want the doesn't to
.....
 - c for Baumgarten's help to wife him comes
.....
 - d soldiers for Baumgarten are The looking
.....
 - e every taxmen problems The make day new
.....
 - f country Baumgarten for to his wants fight
.....

Scenes 4-6

- 3 What's first? Number the sentences 1-6.
 - a Tell's two children are playing in a garden.
 - b Tell and his son go to Altdorf.
 - c Gessler talks to the people in the town.
 - d William Tell meets Gessler on a mountain road.
 - e Gessler talks to some soldiers.
 - f The soldiers put a hat on a tree.
- 4 Put a word or words on the left with a word or words on the right.

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| make | problems |
| kill | up |
| stay | of work |
| play | to people |
| start a | animals |
| stand | fight |
| have a lot | at home |
| talk | a game |
- 5 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.
 - a William Tell was a doctor.
 - b The taxman was a tall man.
 - c The Swiss loved their rivers and their families.
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- d William Tell's children were in the bedroom.
.....
- e Gessler stopped music on Saturdays.
.....
- f There was a short, thin tree in front of the office.

Scenes 7-9

- 6 Finish the sentences with the right words.
head mountains shirt tree prison crossbow
 - a The Swiss understand the
 - b The soldier wants to take Tell to
 - c Tell can hit an apple on a from a hundred feet.
 - d Tell puts an arrow in his
 - e Gessler doesn't want Tell and his on the streets.
 - f An arrow hit Gessler in the
- 7 Answer the questions.
 - a What is Switzerland famous for?
.....
 - b Who takes an apple from the fruit shop?
.....
 - c Why do people come out of their houses?
.....
 - d Where do the soldiers take the dead Governor?
.....
 - e Where does Tell want to put Gessler's hat?
.....
 - f Who kills the Emperor?
.....
- 8 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.
 - a A soldier didn't want wanted to make problems for people.
 - b There was a lot of noise in at the street.
 - c Tell puts a second arrow in its his shirt.
 - d Gessler's boatman had problems with of the boat.
 - e Gessler was a friend to of the Emperor.
 - f A lot of Austrian people don't doesn't like the Emperor.
- 9 Find the right words in Scenes 7-9.
 - a You put it on your head. (p. 12)
 - b People walk on this. (p. 12)
 - c It's a fruit. (p. 15)
 - d You buy things with this. (p. 15)
 - e A place for bad people. (p. 18)
 - f Not light. (p. 19)



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1 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a Gessler and Tell go in a boat to the prison in Kuessnacht.
- b Tell takes Baumgarten across the river in a boat.
- c Tell hits the apple on his son's head from one hundred feet.
- d A soldier puts the Governor's hat on a tree.
- e Gessler's boatman has problems with his boat.
- f Baumgarten kills a taxman because he wanted his wife.
- g Some Austrians kill the Emperor on the road.
- h Tell and his son arrive in Altdorf and see the hat on a tree.
- i Tell kills Gessler.
- j William Tell meets Gessler on a mountain road.

2 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Baumgarten kills the taxman in the street.
- b The river is very dangerous.
- c William Tell lives in the mountains and is a hunter.
- d Tell hits Governor Gessler on the mountain road.
- e Tell has two sons.
- f Gessler closes the cafés in the town of Altdorf.
- g A soldier puts an old hat on the tree in the town of Altdorf.
- h A soldier takes an apple from a tree and gives it to the Governor.
- i Gessler doesn't want to kill Tell but knows he is dangerous.
- j Tell kills Gessler in his office.

3 Finish the sentences with the right word.

- road arrow water friend office mountains
money hat fight problems
- a The Swiss didn't want to give to the Austrians.
 - b A taxman asked Baumgarten's wife for
 - c Tell killed animals in the with his crossbow.
 - d Hedwig's father and friends wanted to start a with the Austrians.
 - e There was tree in front of Gessler's
 - f The people didn't want to stop for the

- g The hit the apple on top of Walther's head.
- h The boatman has with his boat.
- i Gessler was a of the Emperor.
- j The Emperor was killed on the to Baden.

4 Answer the questions.

- a Who don't understand the Swiss people?
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- b What is moving very quickly?
.....
- c Who wants to teach his son about hunting?
.....
- d Why do the soldiers want to take Tell to prison?
.....
- e Where does Tell take a second arrow from?
.....
- f Where does the Governor want to put Tell in prison?
.....
- g Where does Tell kill the Governor?
.....
- h Where do the soldiers take the dead Governor?
.....
- i Who helped the Governor with his boat?
.....
- j Why do the Austrians kill the Emperor?
.....

5 Circle the right word or words.

- a The Governor doesn't *understand* / *listen* to the Swiss people.
- b Baumgarten kills the taxman with *an arrow* / *a knife*.
- c William Tell meets Ruodi and Werni *in the mountains* / *by the river*.
- d Hedwig *wants* / *doesn't want* Walther to go to Altdorf.
- e Gessler talks to the people *from his window* / *in a shop*.
- f Gessler *sees* / *doesn't see* Tell put an arrow in his shirt.
- g Gessler's boatman *was* / *wasn't* a strong man.
- h A man wants to put Gessler's hat in *the river* / *a boat*.
- i The Austrians kill the Emperor in *Switzerland* / *Austria*.
- j Tell goes home to the mountains and to his *friends* / *family*.