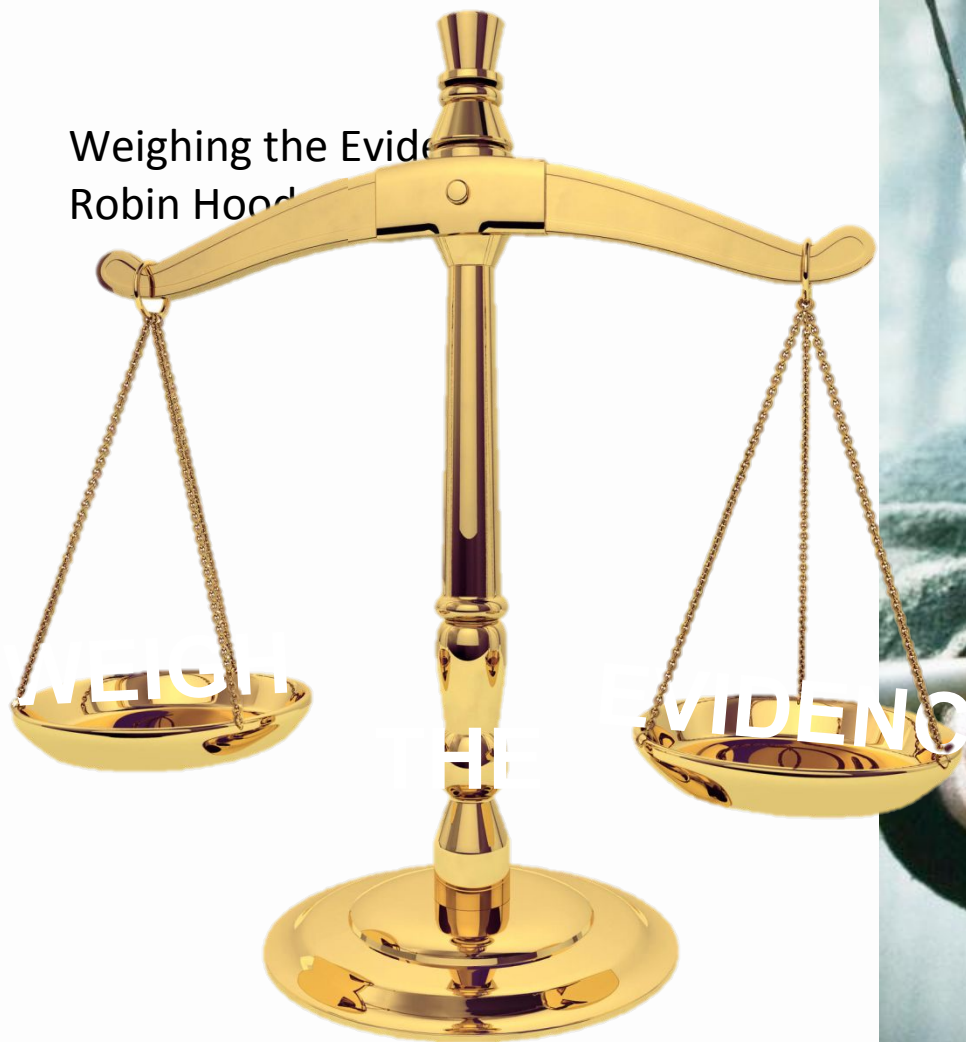


Weighing the Evidence
Robin Hood



Robin Hood



d

Instructions

- Rate each of the following exhibits based on how well it supports the statement:

“Robin Hood was a real person from history.”

-Each exhibit is rated from -2 (very against the statement) to + 2 (very supportive of the statement)

-A rating of 0 means the source is not useful in either case

-For each write one or two sentences defending your rating.

Set up your paper into columns like this:

| Exhibit | Rating | Why? |
|--------------------------|--------|--|
| Z – Photograph of forest | +1 | Stories of bigfoot often say he lives in the forest. This is actually a forest so the stories are somewhat believable. |

Not all evidence is equally important. Part of drawing a conclusion is determining how much weight you give to each bit of information.

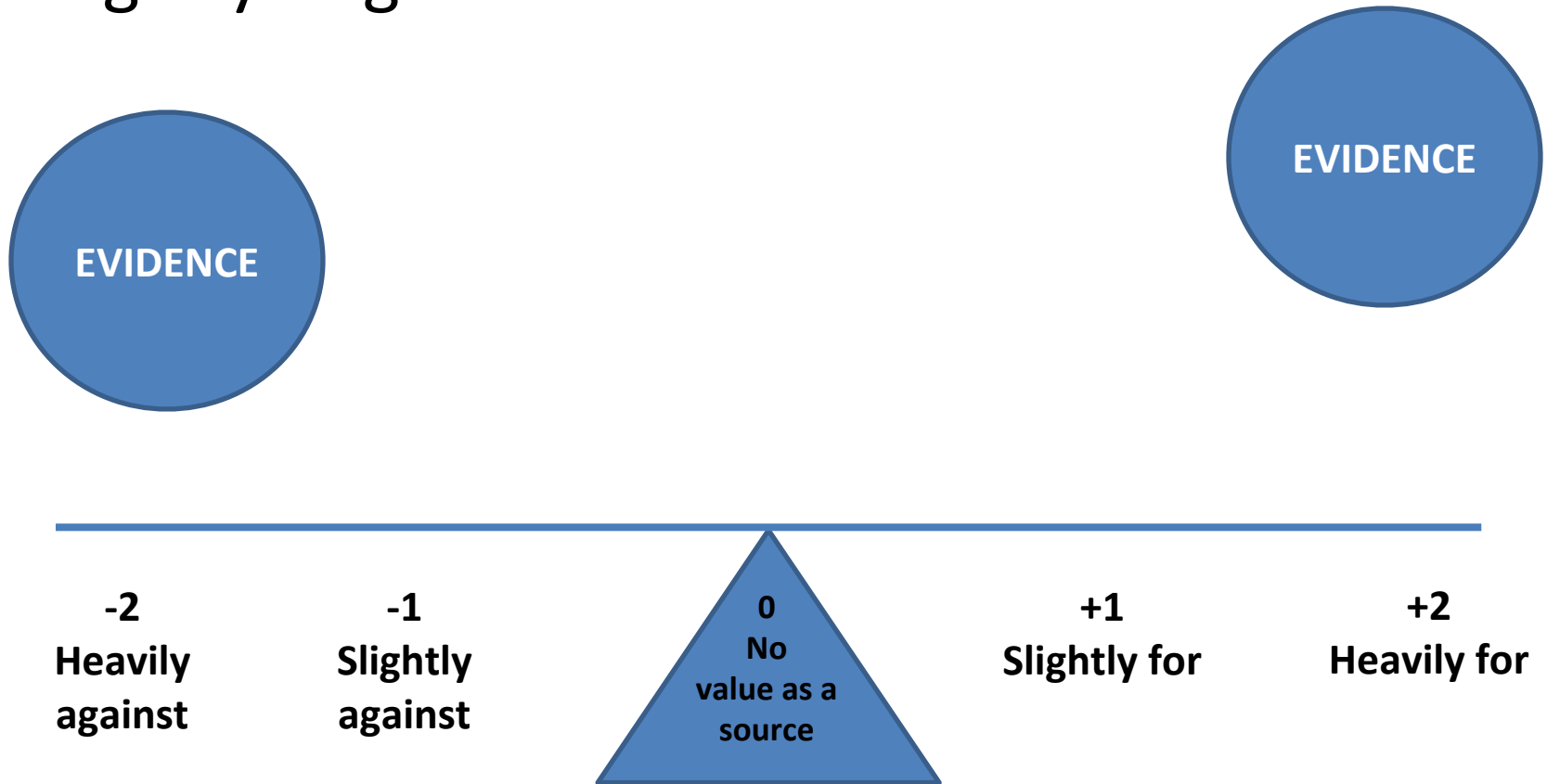


Exhibit A: Personal Testimony

“While elements of the Robin Hood myth are clearly drawn from the historical record we have no evidence that such a man ever truly lived. As such, I conclude that there was no singular historical figure on which the legend is based.”

-Dr. William Smith, Professor of Medieval History, Oxford University, England



**Exhibit B:
Personal
Testimony 2**

**“Robin Hood is totally real, I done saw
him in one of them talkin’ pictures!”**

- This dude



**Exhibit c:
Personal
Testimony 3**

‘About the time when Richard I was in Germany, the notorious robbers, Robert Hood and Little John, lived in the woods in Sherwood. They only stole the goods of rich men. He would not allow women to be mistreated and never robbed the poor.’

Scottish Monk, 1521



**Exhibit D:
Marriage Certificate**

*Certificate
of Marriage*

This is to Certify

*that Robert Hoode of Nottingham and Marian
of Bamsdale were by me united in*

HOLY MATRIMONY

on the Ninth day of April in the Year of our

Lord One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen

in the presence of Father William Whitfield

Wakefield Prefect



A decorative scroll with floral patterns and a wax seal. The scroll is unrolled, showing the text. The floral patterns are on the right and bottom edges. A wax seal is on the bottom left.

Certificate
of Marriage

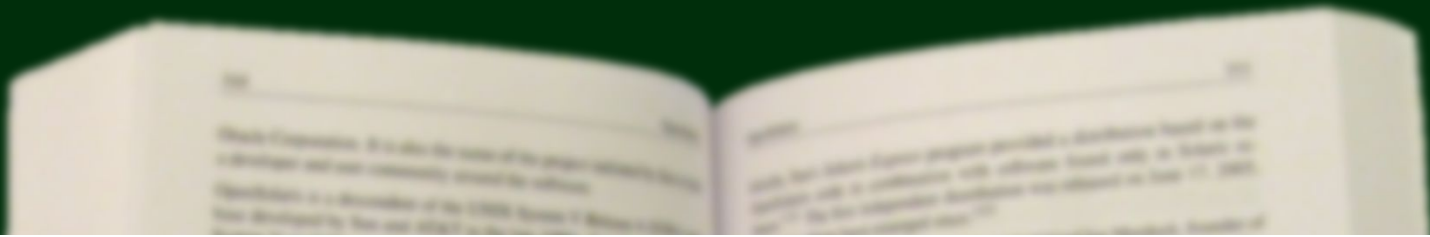
This is to Certify
*that Robert Hode of Nottingham and Marian
of Barnsdale were by me united in*

HOLY MATRIMONY

*on the Ninth day of April in the Year of our
Lord One Thousand Three Hundred and Sixteen
in the presence of Father William Whitfield*

Wakefield Prefect

**Exhibit E:
Modern book**



Only one of the five earliest ballads puts Robin in Sherwood Forest. Until the Peasants Revolt in 1381, there is no mention of Robin Hood stealing from the rich to give to the poor. After this revolt over high taxes, the number of songs about Robin Hood increased, and most say that he was a peasant who fought wicked sheriffs to give money back to the poor.

In Search of Robin Hood, written by Patrick Middleton in 1989.

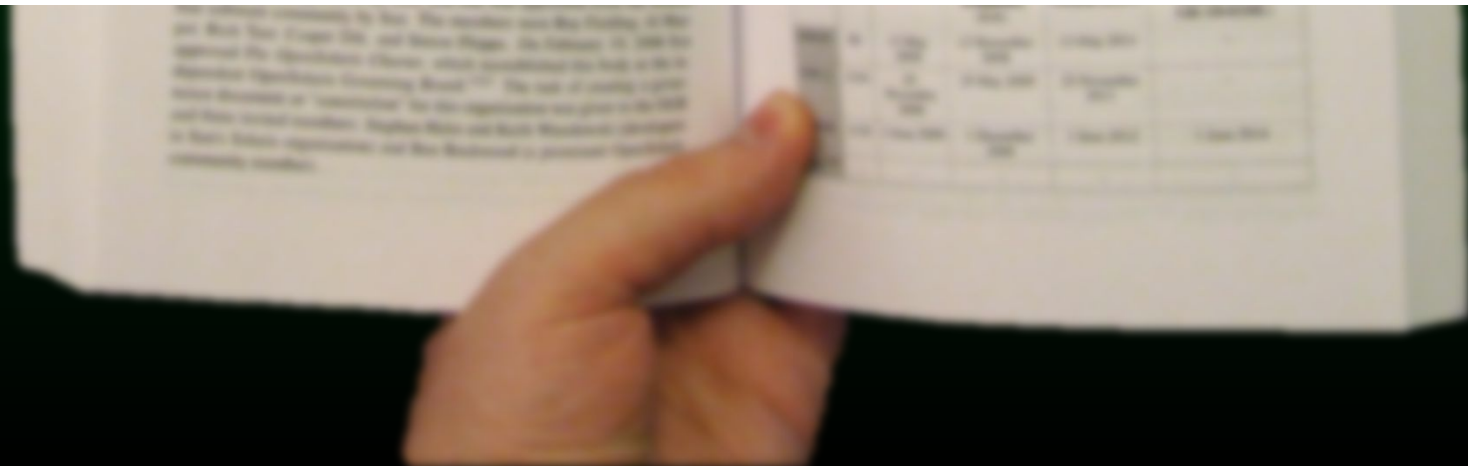


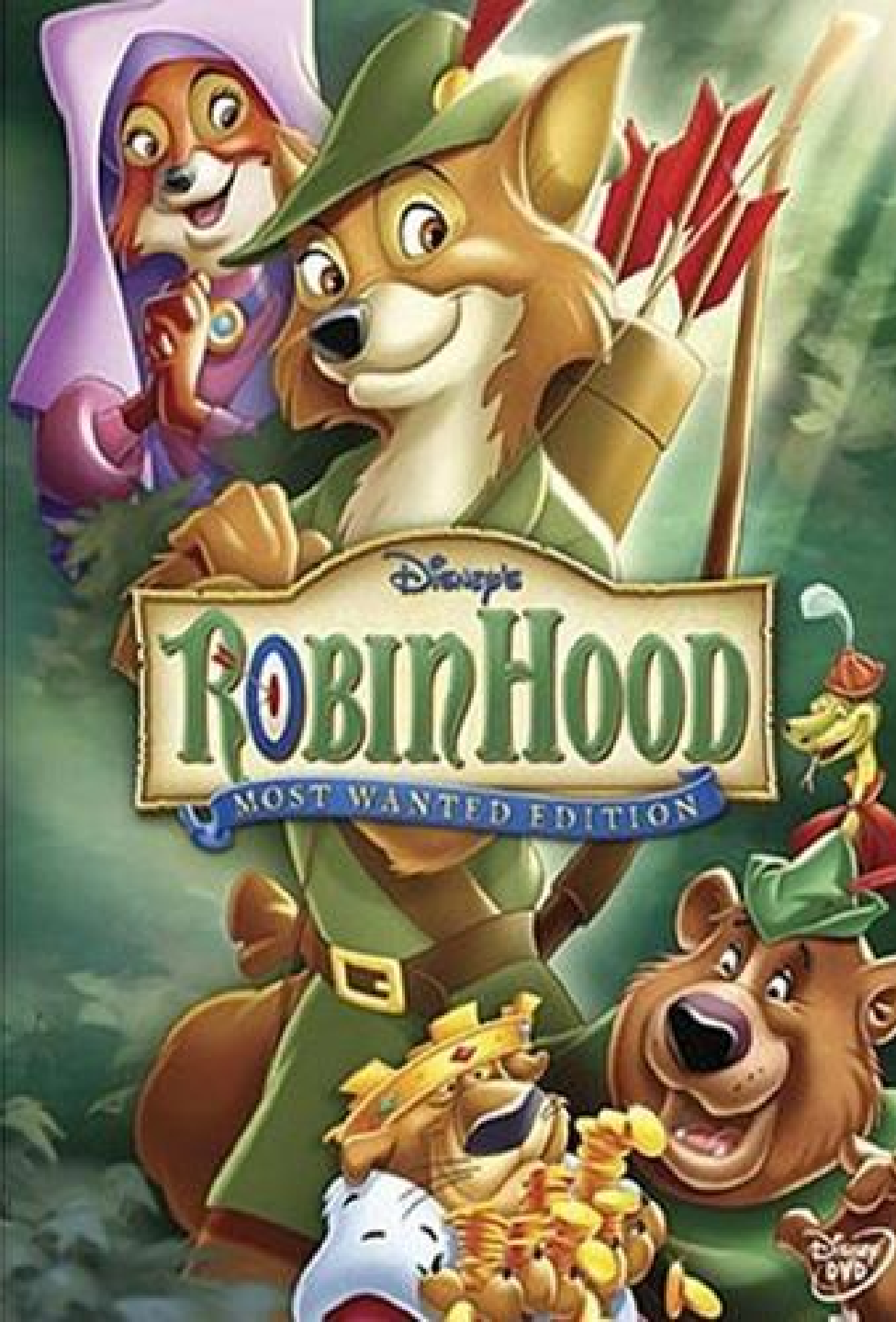
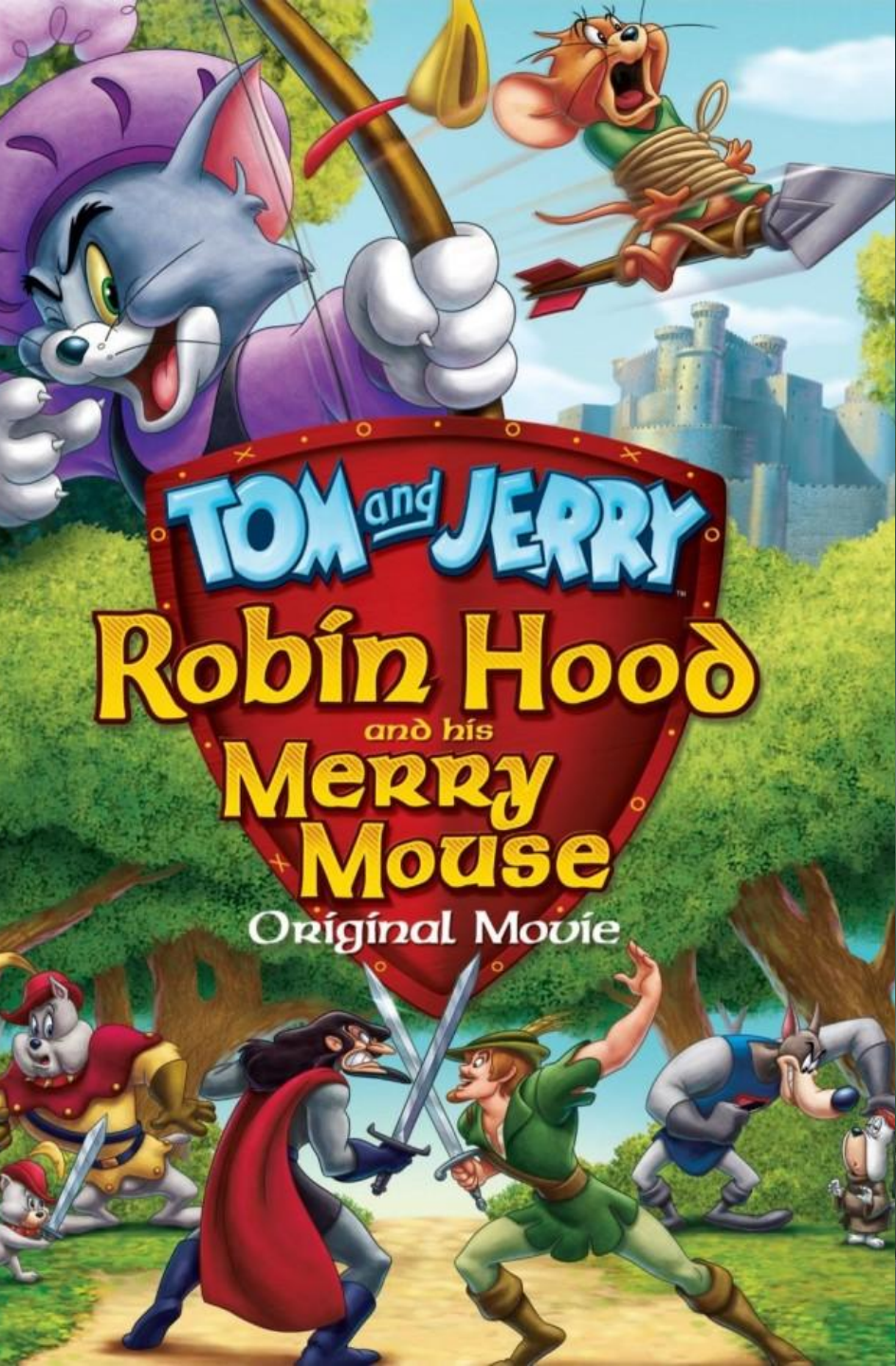
Exhibit F: Map



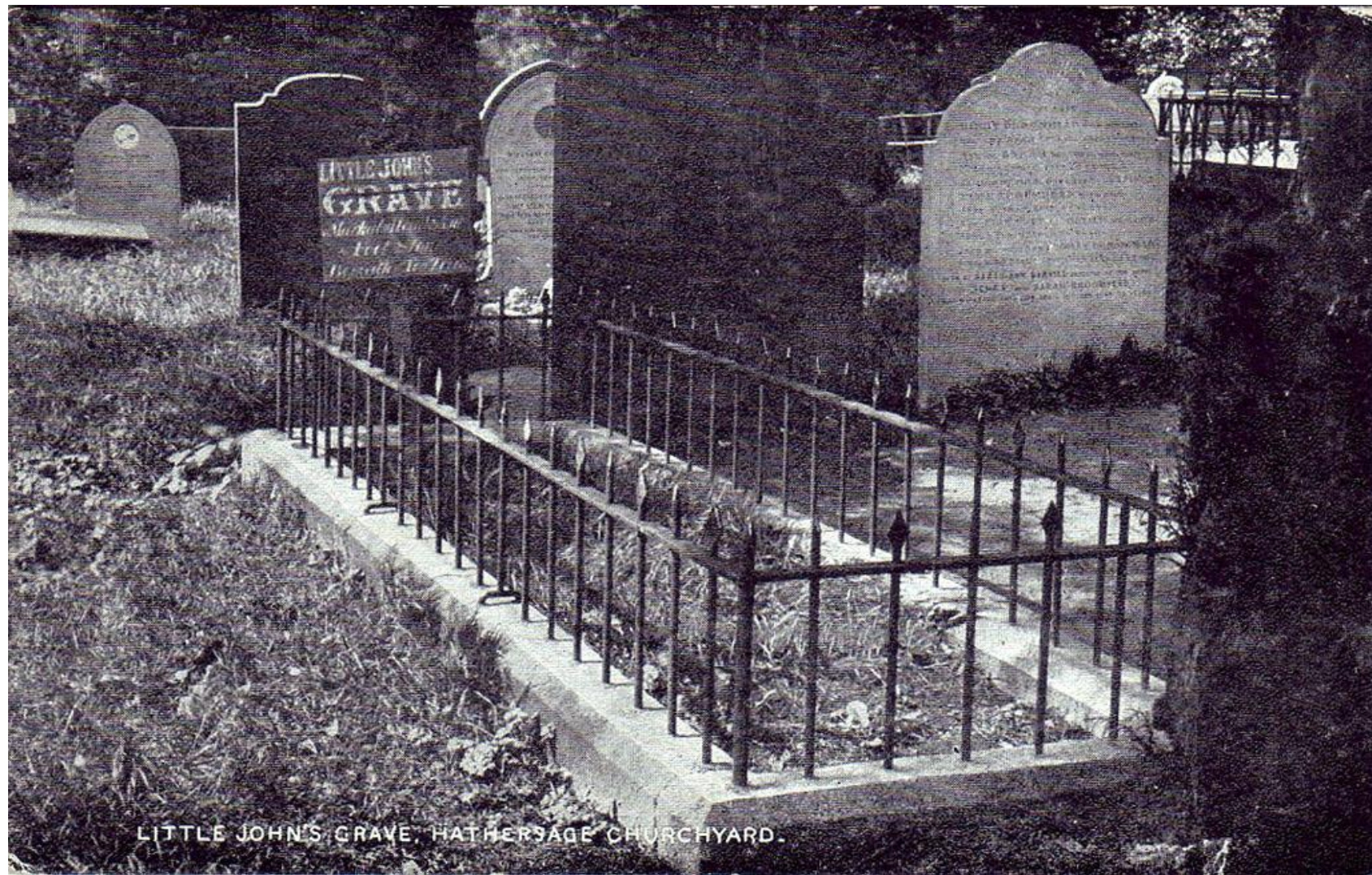
Sherwood

Nottingham

**Exhibit H:
Robin Hood in Popular
Culture**



**Exhibit I:
Photo of Grave in England**



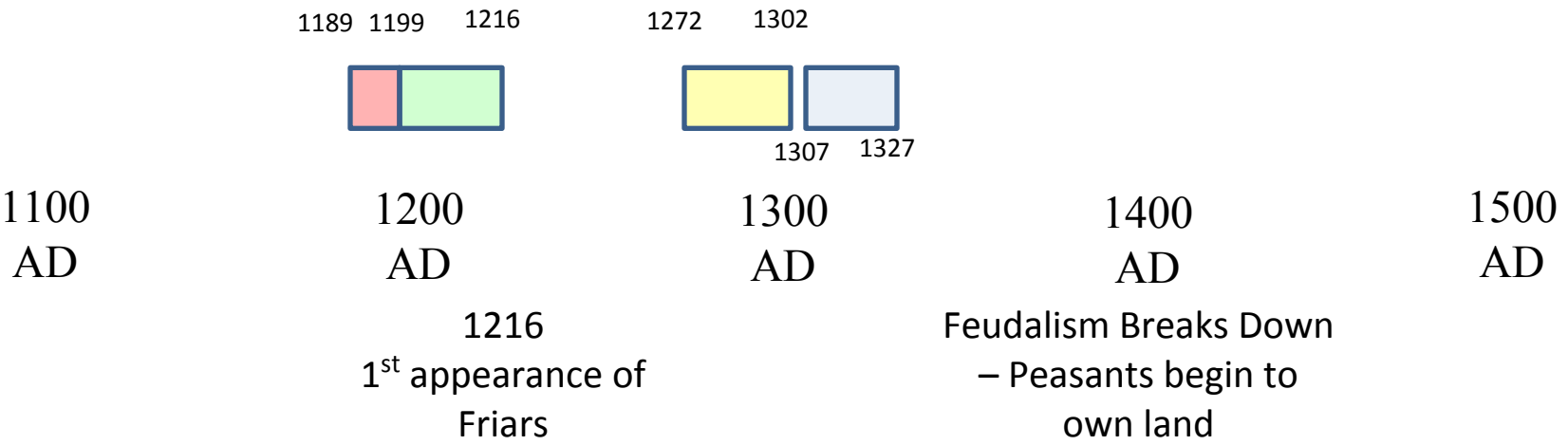
LITTLE JOHN'S GRAVE, HATHERSAGE CHURCHYARD.

Exhibit J: Timeline of Historical Events

Timeline

Crusades
1099 ~ 1272

1381
Peasants Revolt



 Reign of King Richard  Reign of King John  Reign of Edward I  Reign of Edward II

Exhibit L: Court Records

The entries below are taken from actual legal records found in England.

1225: Robert Hoode, peasant tenant of the archbishop of York, reported as fleeing from the King's justice.

1228: Robert Hod, known as 'Robin', described as an outlaw in West Yorkshire.

1230: 'The Sheriff of Yorkshire owes 32s 6d. for goods stolen by Robin Hood, fugitive.' Report in West Yorkshire.

**Exhibit N:
Royal Proclamation**

Be it decreed that I, King John, on this Fourteenth day of August in the year of our Lord Twelve Hundred and Eight, hereby increase the reward for the capture of any outlaws twofold.

Also, the reward for the capture of those who have poached deer in the King's forest is hereby increased fivefold.

King John



**Exhibit O:
Historical Wanted Poster**

Reward

The men of the
the only men who
wanted for the
origins of

will have
England a

Instructions

- Add up all of your rating numbers from the exhibits. If your rating is positive he is real. If it is negative he is fictional.
- Write an 11-Sentence Commentary answering: **“Do you believe Robin Hood was a real historical figure or is completely made up?”**
- Topic Sentence: Robin was/was not a real historical figure.

11-Sentence Commentary



1) Topic Sentence/Thesis/Claim: _____

2) Concrete Detail 1 (CD1): _____

3) Explanation/Elaboration of Detail (EX1): _____

4) Commentary (CM1): _____

5) Concrete Detail 1 (CD2): _____

6) Explanation/Elaboration of Detail (EX2): _____

7) Commentary (CM2): _____

8) Concrete Detail 1 (CD3): _____

9) Explanation/Elaboration of Detail (EX3): _____

10) Commentary (CM3): _____

11) Conclusion Sentence: _____

Concrete Details:

- Can be a fact, quote, statistic, reason, or main idea from the lesson/reading/discussion that supports your claim. Concrete details are what you use to prove/support/defend your claim.

Explanation/Elaboration:

- This further explains or elaborates your concrete detail. It provides more information about it.

Commentary:

- Makes an inference (This fact suggests that...), gives an **opinion**, gives a **reason**, gives an **effect**, **compares** or **contrasts** with something, gives examples, explains the significance/meaning/importance, provides an **illustration** for the concrete details, makes a **connection** to another event or to ideas (past or present), makes an "if...then..." statement, makes an **analogy/simile/metaphor**, etc. for/of your concrete detail. They provide your **analysis** of the concrete details and help support your central claim from line 1.