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Classical Lessons

for



The Cattle Ford, Liney Hill Wood.

The Children of the New Forest

by Frederick Marryat

Understanding the Setting

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- Date: 1647
- Details: Charles I suffered defeat after nearly five years of civil war. He is a prisoner at Hampton Court. In November, Charles escapes and heads towards the New Forest (Hampshire). After realizing his hopes of escaping to France were not to be, he turned to Colonel Hammond. Charles I finds himself again prisoner in Carisbrooke Castle.
- English Civil War (1642-1651): The English Civil War was between Charles I and his supporters who were called the Royalists or Cavaliers and his Parliamentary opponents called the Roundheads.
- The story now goes back to the beginning of the English Civil War and tells the background of the Beverley family and introduces characters such as Jacob Armitage.

Before the Reading

Review the historical background of this story by reading from any of the following:

Lower Elementary and Older

Our Island Story (PD)

- “William the Conqueror-The Death of the King” (Chapter 26)
- “The Story of William the Red” (Chapter 27)
- “Charles I- The Story of How the King and the Parliament Quarreled and at Last Fought” (Chapter 77)

Or

Britannia by Geraldine McCaughrean:

- “Swearing on the Bones” (pp. 68-71)
- “Who Killed Red Rufus?” (pp. 78-79)
- “Jenny Geddes Strikes a Blow” (pp. 168-169)
- “Cromwell and the Goosefeathers” (pp. 172-173)
- “The Royal Oak” (pp. 176-178)

Mid-Elementary Students and Older

The Story of England by Samuel Harding (PD)

Chapters VII (“The Normans Conquer England”), VIII (“The Rule of the Normans”), XXIV (“Charles I and Parliament”)

Plus, XXV (“The Civil War between King and Parliament”), XXVI (“Commonwealth and Protectorate”) and XXVII (“Charles II and the Stuart Restoration”)

Upper Level Students

Great Tales from English History (Volume 2) by Robert Lacey has several chapters on this topic.

PD=Public Domain-This reading selection is in the public domain and can be read and/or downloaded online.

Map Work

Research the country of Hampshire in England and the New Forest area as well.

Links for maps can be found at the end of this guide under Resources.

Be sure to locate these places:

- Arnwood
- Lymington
- New Forest
- Isle of Wight
- London

Chapter One

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Vocabulary

- indemnified

- habiliments

Narration Suggestions

	Give an account of the setting of this story.
	Tell about the conversation Jacob overheard while hiding and then describe his thoughts and actions which followed this conversation.

Assignment

Research the author of *Children of the New Forest*, Frederick Marryat, and write a summary narration based on what you've read. Be sure to include some mention of his literary achievements.

If you would like to use a notebook page for this assignment, you will find one in the Resources section of this guide.

Chapter Two

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Date _____

Vocabulary

- sequestered

- obeisance

- perturbation

- egress

- remonstrance

Narration Suggestions

	Describe Arnwood with as much detail as you can.
	Create a list of the characters from this chapter and write 2-3 short phrases to describe each one.
	Why do you think that Miss Judith would not leave Arnwood?
	Consider why Jacob's arrangements for evacuating the people at Arnwood proved to be a safer plan than Edward's idea?
	Do you get a sense of the author's bias in the story towards one side of the English Civil War vs. the other? What are your thoughts about this?
	How would you have handled the evacuation of the people at Arnwood?

Chapter Three

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Date _____

Vocabulary

- injunctions

- commenced

Narration Suggestions

	Tell about the children and their new life in the cottage.
	How did they handle the arrival of the troopers?
	Read again the description of the cottage at the end of chapter three. Draw a map which represents this description.
	Write a descriptive paragraph about Jacob.