

Title: The Story of Hong Gil Dong: A Korean Folktale

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

bandits	hero	archers	steal	skill
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1. Everyone knows it is wrong to steal.
2. The bandits stole all the rice in the village.
3. A hero is someone who helps people in need.
4. It takes a lot of skill to play professional soccer.
5. There are a lot of good Korean archers in the Olympics.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true and F for false.

1. Hong had two sons and two daughters. T / F
2. Gil Dong tried to kill his father. T / F
3. Gil Dong gave a ruler many bags of rice. T / F
4. The king tried to trick Gil Dong. T / F
5. Many people told the king they did not know Gil Dong. T / F

B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Gil Dong thought it was (good / unfair) that he had to leave his home.
2. The magician taught Gil Dong more than just (martial arts / archery).
3. All the bandits really wanted was (food / money).
4. Gil Dong used his (magic / training) to make himself look like a rich person.
5. The king's trick did not work because everyone (pretended / wanted) to be Gil Dong.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why did Hong think Gil Dong was going to kill him?
 - a. Because he wanted his job
 - b. Because he was jealous of his brother
 - c. Because his wife said he would
 - d. Because he was becoming too smart

2. What is something Gil Dong did NOT worry about when he left home?
 - a. Where would he sleep
 - b. How he would eat
 - c. How he could make a living
 - d. How could he help other people

3. What was in the bags of rice Gil Dong gave to the ruler?
 - a. Rice
 - b. Bandits
 - c. Weapons
 - d. Magic

4. What did Gil Dong and the bandits do with the things they stole?
 - a. Gave it to poor people
 - b. Used it to start an army
 - c. Used it to buy a palace
 - d. Gave it to the good king

5. How did the king try to capture Gil Dong?
 - a. By giving him empty bags of rice
 - b. By offering him a fake job
 - c. By killing all of his bandits
 - d. By earning his respect

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

magician	palace	starving	smart	martial arts
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A man named Hong had two sons. One son would work for the king, like him. However, his second son, Gil Dong, could not. This was too bad because Gil Dong was handsome and smart. His father became afraid that Gil Dong would kill him, so he was sent away. He met a magician who taught him magic and martial arts. Then Gil Dong noticed that people were starving and paying too many taxes. Gil Dong wanted to help. One night he was attacked by bandits. They weren't bad people. They just needed food. Gil Dong offered to teach them martial arts. Then they started stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. The king tried to kill Gil Dong, but the people protected him. They went to the palace and pretended to be Gil Dong. The King saw that Gil Dong was respected and gave him a job.