

Braveheart

Book key

- 1 a a truce b swords, spears c nobles d throat
e grave f handkerchief g battle
- 2 a actor b rebel c king d writer
- 3 Open answers
- 4 a Edward I / Longshanks
b Malcolm and John Wallace
c Hamish
d Uncle Argyle
e Prince Edward, son of the King of England
f English nobles
g the English noble of the land
h the Bruces and the Balliols
- 5 Possible answers:
a ... there is no king of Scotland.
b ... he calls the Scottish nobles to a truce meeting and then kills them.
c ... he is a poor farmer.
d ... he doesn't want him to see the dead bodies.
e ... he prefers Peter to her.
f ... they look after themselves first.
- 6 Open answers
- 7 a Not true – everyone notices him.
b Not true – he starts to speak to her.
c Not true – he shakes hands with him.
d ✓
e Not true – they don't say anything.
f ✓
g ✓
h Not true – he says he wants to be a farmer and have a family.
- 8 a The local lord b In an old church
c She doesn't escape. d He kills her.
- 9–10 Open answers
- 11 a T b NT c T d T e T f T g NT
- 12 a Prince Edward > William Wallace
b is > is not
c will not > will
d thinks > doesn't think
e doesn't have > has
f Lanark > all over Scotland
- 13 a perfect
b on three sides
c in the middle
d show they are frightened
e get excited
f into the wet ground
g kill

- 14 Open answers
- 15 a make a truce with b watch c fight d refuses
e long spears f badly g men
- 16 The correct order is: d, c, e, f, b, g, a.
- 17 Open answers
- 18 a ✗ – he can never be King because he is not a nobleman.
b ✓
c ✓
d ✓
e ✗ – he sends it to London.
f ✓
- 19 a is just like Murrin.
b falls in love.
c murdered every Scot in York.
d speaks Latin and French.
e will not send more soldiers.
f lied to Isabella.
- 20 a surprise b long spears c new d Mornay
e king f lands g many h fighting i believe
j for
- 21 Open answers
- 22 a can > can't
b dining room > bedroom
c English > Scottish
d day > night
e hide William from > give William to
f is behind > doesn't know about
g Prince > King
- 23–33 Open answers

Discussion activities key

- 1 Possible answers:
strong, young, healthy, a fighter, handsome
- 2 Suggested answers:
• *William Wallace*
• *He fought for Scotland against England.*
• *It is about the battle between Scotland and England.*
- 3–5 Open answers
- 6 Suggested answers:
William and Murrin have to marry secretly. They can't be open.
- 7 Suggested answers:
• *The national flower of Scotland is the thistle.*
1. *Murrin gives William a thistle at his father's funeral.*
2. *William gives the same (now dried) flower to Murrin after they meet many years later and ride together on his horse.*

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3. *When they marry, Murron gives William a handkerchief with the flower of Scotland on it.*
4. *A flower of Scotland is cut into the stone by Murron's grave.*
- 8** Possible answers:
- *London: The English King Edward I, Longshanks, was talking about the rule of 'first night'. Princess Isabella was unhappy about her new husband.*
 - *Edinburgh: Robert the Bruce was gathering with other Scottish nobles at Edinburgh Castle.*
 - *Lanark: William Wallace came back to the village. He married Murron secretly, but she was killed by the English. Wallace became a rebel.*
 - *Stirling: William Wallace and the Scots defeated the English army.*
 - *France: Longshanks heard the news of the Battle of Stirling.*
- 9** Open answers
- 10** Suggested answers:
- *He will send a messenger to make a truce, but he doesn't really mean to make a truce.*
 - *He will send Princess Isabella.*
 - *Because Longshanks thinks Prince Edward is too weak. He thinks Princess Isabella will be the best person to get him more time to get ready to attack the Scots.*
- 11** Possible answers:
- *Because he wants to be King of England, and he thinks Longshanks will help him.*
 - *Because he thinks William will lose, and he wants to be on the winning side.*
 - *Perhaps Longshanks offered him land.*
- 12–13** Open answers
- 14** Possible answers:
- *Because the horse won't be so frightened if he does this.*
 - *Perhaps he just sees her in his head.*
 - *Because he's dying, he's going to be with her soon. People say that memories flash through your mind just before you die.*
- 15–16** Open answers
- 17** Possible answers:
- *Stirling: William uses a hundred very long spears to fight. William orders Lord Mornay to ride away from the battle so that the English think they will win, but in fact he orders Lord Mornay to cross the river so that they can attack the English from the side. The Scots win the Battle of Stirling.*
 - *Falkirk: Most of the Scottish nobles don't come to the Battle of Falkirk to support William. Only Lord Mornay was there, but he leaves the battle because he has been paid by the English. William finds out that Robert the Bruce is on the side of the English. The English defeat the Scots.*

18–20 Open answers

Activity worksheets key

1 **1** b **2** a **3** c

2 **a** He had two sons.

b When William was born.

c He saw 61 bodies, tied by the neck.

d Old Campbell, Hamish's father did.

e She gave him a purple flower (the national flower of Scotland).

f His uncle did.

3 **a** castle **b** land **c** people **d** village **e** evening

f farmer **g** wedding **h** ground **i** throat **j** rebel

4 **a** Robert the Bruce is a young, handsome Scottish nobleman. He wants to be King of Scotland.

b Lord Mornay is a friend of Robert the Bruce. He is the head of the Scots army at Stirling.

c Old Campbell is Hamish's father. He asks William to be a rebel like him.

d Murron MacClannough is Old MacClannough's daughter. She marries William secretly.

e Lord Bottoms is a fat English nobleman. He comes with soldiers to Helen's wedding.

f Prince Edward is King Edward's son. He prefers his friend to his wife.

g Stephen is a rebel from Ireland. He fights with William at the Battle of Stirling.

h Lord Talmadge is the head of the English army. He runs from the Scots at the Battle of Stirling.

5 **1** d **2** f **3** a **4** c **5** b **6** e

6 **1** b **2** b

7 **a** 3 **b** 8 **c** 1 **d** 4 **e** 7 **f** 2 **g** 5 **h** 6

8 **a** No, he didn't.

b Because Lord Mornay got paid by the English and rode away from the battle.

c Because she remembered the story William Wallace had told her.

d Because they wanted to hand over William Wallace to Longshanks.

e No, he didn't.

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Progress test key

1 a 7 b 1 c 5 d 3 e 4 f 2 g 6

2 1 c 2 c 3 b 4 c 5 a 6 c

3 a battle b castle c nobles d battle e among
f nobles g castle h serve i Lord

4 a Princess Isabella b Longshanks
c Princess Isabella d Hamish
e William Wallace f Robert the Bruce
g William Wallace

5 1 a 2 b