



William Tell



According to legend, William Tell was an expert with a bow and arrow who lived in the mountains of Switzerland.

At the time, William Tell's home in Switzerland was under the control of Austria and a nasty ruler named Gessler. Gessler thought that he was so important that the citizens should salute him even when he wasn't there. So, he put his hat on a pole in the center of town and commanded the citizens to bow down to it.

William Tell arrived in town one day with his son and refused to salute the hat. Gessler was very upset, but instead of killing William Tell right there, he challenged him to shoot an apple off his son's head with one shot. If he succeeded, William Tell could remain free.

William Tell did shoot the apple off his son's head with a single arrow. But Gessler noticed that before he tried, Tell had taken two arrows out of his quiver and asked why. William Tell answered, "If I had missed, that second arrow would have been headed your way." Eventually, William Tell did kill Gessler, which started a Swiss uprising that forced the Austrian invaders from Switzerland.