

Module 2 – Billy the kid

Student:

How much do you know about Billy the Kid?

Billy the Kid – Marty Robbins

I'll sing you a true song of Billy the Kid
I'll sing of some desperate **deeds** that he did
Way out in New Mexico long long ago
When a man's only chance was his own forty-four
When Billy the Kid was a very young **lad**
In old Silver City he went to the bad
Way out in the West with a gun in his hand
At the age of twelve years he did kill his first man
There's Mexican **maidens** play guitars and sing
Songs about Billy, their boy bandit king
Ere his young **manhood** has reached his sad end
With a notch and his pistol for twenty one men!
Was on a sad night when poor Billy died
He said to his friend, "I'm not satisfied
The're twenty-one men I have put bullets through
Sheriff Pat Garrett must make twenty-two!"
I'll sing you how Billy the Kid met his fate
The bright moon was shining, the hour was late
Shot down by Pat Garrett who once was his friend
The young outlaw's life is now come to an end
There's many a man with a face fine and fair
Who start out in life with a chance to be square
Just like poor Billy they **wander** astray
They'll lose their lives in the very same way!

Retrieved from: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5DIFiHqNk10> and Lyricfind.com

Before Reading

Many songs, books and movies have been created based on the story of criminals. Billy the Kid is one of the most famous. The following is a traditional country song from the US. What do you think Billy the Kid did to be so famous? Make a guess before listening the song.



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Based on the song, read the questions and choose the correct answer.

1) Who was Billy the Kid and why did he have that nickname?

2) Who was Pat Garrett?

3) What had Billy already done when he was 15 years old?

4) How many men had Billy the Kid killed when he died?

5) What had Pat Garret and Billy the Kid been when they were younger?

6) What did Billy the Kid say before his death?
