

# Three Brothers:

## A Mongolian Folktale

## Who Am I?

Copy the pages and laminate them for durability, if you wish. Cut out the Character Cards and the Description Cards. Place the Character Cards side-by-side and face up on the table. Place the Description Cards face up in a pile. Students take turns selecting a card, reading it aloud, and putting it under the correct Character Card. Correct answers receive one point. The player with the most points wins. The cards are self-checking.

Eldest  
Brother

Middle  
Brother

Youngest  
Brother



He was a mighty warrior.



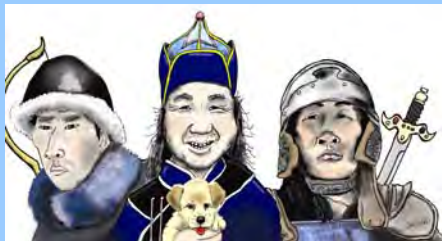
He was a skilled hunter.



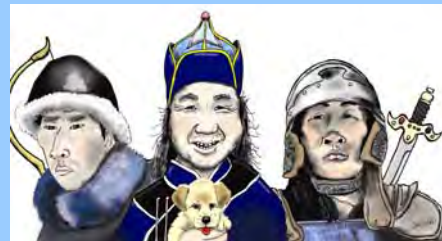
He was a quiet herdsman.



He exulted in battle.



He thrilled at slaughtering  
wild animals.



He was content to care for his  
herd on the lonely steppe.

Youngest Brother

Eldest Brother

Eldest Brother

Middle Brother

Middle Brother

Youngest Brother

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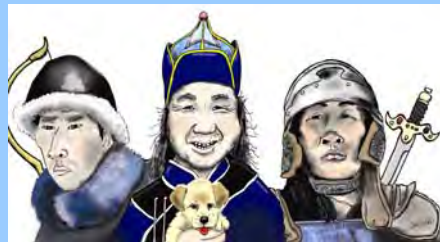
He attended the family's yearly summer gathering.



He spied a beautiful maiden sitting on an island braiding flowers.



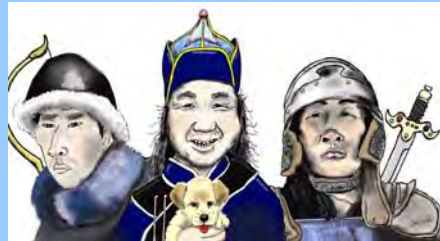
He was overcome by the maiden's loveliness.



He wanted to make the lovely maiden his wife.



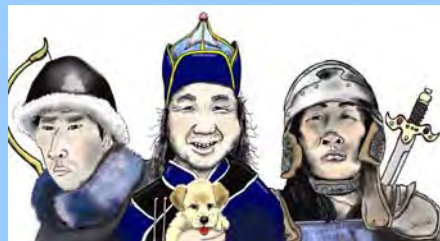
He wanted to ride ahead and ignore the mountain spirit.



He insisted on making a customary offering to the mountain spirit.



He seized a splendid jeweled sword.



He claimed a golden bow and arrows fitted with peacock feathers.

All three brothers

All three brothers

All three brothers

All three brothers

Middle Brother

Eldest and Youngest Brothers

Youngest Brother

Eldest Brother

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He selected a mangy looking yellow dog.



He carried the dog on his saddle.



The dog talked to him.



He was sorry to have missed the great slaughtering of game in the narrow valley.



Bones arose, clattered into animal shapes and charged him.



He was the first brother to die.



He yelled, "Mangalam!"



He rode with his brother until they reached a ghastly moon-whitened plain scattered with helmets and armor.



Middle Brother

Middle Brother

Youngest Brother

Middle Brother

Youngest Brother

Youngest Brother

Eldest and Middle Brothers

Middle Brother

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He was sorry to have missed the mighty battle on the plain.



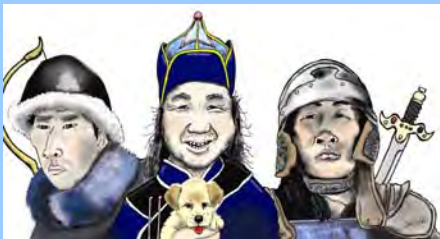
The armored bones arose and, with metallic clanging and fearsome challenges, charged toward him.



He cried "Mangalam!" once again.



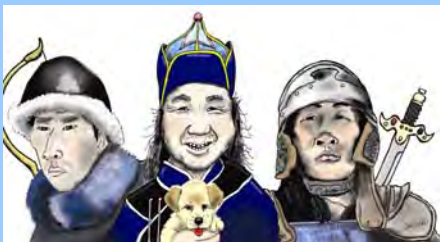
He grieved the loss of his remaining brother.



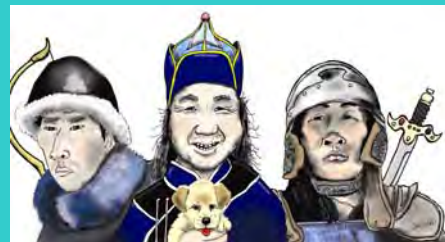
He wished he hadn't missed the magnificent ceremony for the spirits.



He was asked to kill the small yellow dog.



He could not kill the dog because it had proven to be loyal to him.



He looked down and found that instead of the dog, he was holding the real maiden in his arms.

Eldest Brother

Eldest Brother

Middle Brother

Middle Brother

Middle Brother

Middle Brother

Middle Brother

Middle Brother