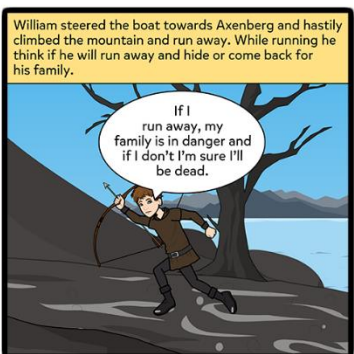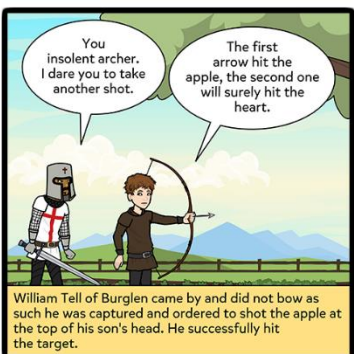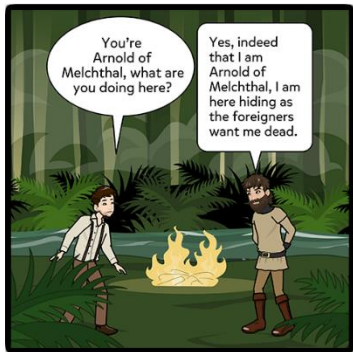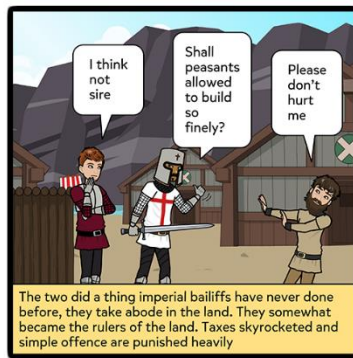# THE STORY OF WILLIAM TELL
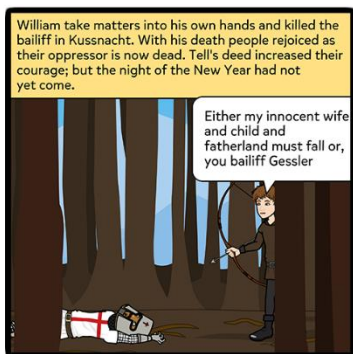
A famous line in the story Noli Me Tangere (Touch Me Not) resonates with the story which is this line;

"The people do not complain because they have no voice; do not move because they are lethargic, and you say that they do not suffer because you have not seen their hearts bleed."

The people of Austria are not being noticed by their king even though the bailiffs he assigned are abusing their powers over them. This story surely resonates the time when Spaniards conquered our motherland for 300 years. A lesson we can learn here is being brave does not mean you are scared, **being brave means doing the right thing even when you are scared**. William Tell, an archer who was captured just because he did not bow in front of a statue could be compared to our national hero Jose Rizal. William admits that he did nothing in front of everyone and when he was ordered to shoot an arrow in the apple that was in the head of his son. He willingly agrees so and when the bailiff wants him to shoot again, he honestly said that the second arrow will pierce his son's heart. When William escaped from custody of the bailiff he thinks twice as he wants to escape his country or to help his fellow citizens. He followed the latter and later the bailiff was found dead with an arrow on his chest.

This thing that William did surely ignites the fire in most of the citizens of Austria, especially Arthur and Warner. The event that just transpired is like what happened

with the death of Jose Rizal after he published his two books, Noli Me Tangere and El Filibusterismo, which ignites the fire within the Filipino's. Another lesson we can learn is that the slavery of the story could be compared to bullying and the lesson we learn is that **we have to stand for ourselves and know that we are not alone**. As we let those people bully us, they will surely never stop mocking us but when we stand together we can surely show them that we are stronger when we are together.