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RIP VAN WINKLE

STUDY QUESTIONS



1. Under what pen name did Irving write this story?
2. How is the wife of Rip Van Winkle described?
3. What kinds of things does Rip like to do with his time?
4. Who is Wolf?
5. Who is Derrick Van Brummel?
6. Who is Nicholas Vedder?
7. What main activity would Rip do to escape labor on the farm and and the clamor of his wife?
8. What does Rip hear as he is about to descend the mountain?
9. What strange thing takes place on the mountain with some strange men/creatures?
10. What did Rip discover upon awakening the next day?
11. What is the general reaction of the people to Rip's story?
12. Who validates Rip's story?
13. What do the "henpecked husbands" of the neighborhood often long to have?

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USE THE WORD BANK BELOW TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION. SOME WORDS WILL BE USED TWICE.

daughter

Dutch

independent

18th

nine pins

townspeople and visitors

she nags and scolds

commerce

Washington Irving

Revolution

wondrous

to the mountain

1. When Rip returns after his slumber, he is able to find which member of the family?
2. Where does Rip go with the stranger?
3. Why does Rip take comfort in knowing his wife is dead?
4. Who wrote *Rip Van Winkle*?
5. To whom does Rip tell his story once he awakens?
6. Rip Van Winkle is a young man in the _____ century.
7. As an old man, Rip lives with his _____.
8. Rip's region of New York State had **originally** been settled by the _____.
9. When Rip returns from sleep, the colonies have become _____.
10. The little men play a bowling game called _____.
11. The most momentous historical event that takes place during Rip's long sleep is the American _____.
12. In his descriptions of Rip's hometown, Irving shows how a place and its people can change as a result of independence and _____.
13. From Irving's descriptions of the Catskill Mountains, you can conclude that he found this setting majestic and _____.