

Ichabod Crane in Sleepy Hollow

PREPARATION

Key Words

book	(bük)	a written or printed work with sheets of paper between two covers <i>The Three Bears is the <u>book</u> Andy likes best.</i>
nose	(nōz)	the part of the face or head above the mouth that has nostrils and is the organ of smell <i>Kara has freckles on her <u>nose</u>.</i>
room	(rüm)	a part of a house or other building with walls keeping it from the rest of the house <i>The kitchen is the warmest <u>room</u> in the house.</i>
sing	(sing)	make music with the voice <i>The children like to clap their hands and <u>sing</u>.</i>
sometimes	(sum' tīmz)	now and then <i><u>Sometimes</u> we go to the park in the morning.</i>

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Necessary Words

battle	(bat'l)	a fight <i>Many men were hurt in the <u>battle</u>.</i>
church	(cherch)	building for religious services <i>The <u>church</u> has big windows and a big wooden door.</i>
ghosts	(gōsts)	spirits of dead people <i>Some people believe in <u>ghosts</u>.</i>
quiet	(kwi' ət)	making or having little or no sound <i>The class was <u>quiet</u> as they watched the play.</i>
soldier	(sōl' jər)	person who is in any Army <i>The <u>soldier</u> picked up his gun.</i>

People

Ichabod Crane	is a teacher from Connecticut. He likes to read and sing.
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Places

Connecticut	is one of the northeastern states of the United States.
Tarry Town	is a village on the Hudson River near New York City.

Things

churchyard	is the ground around a church.
schoolhouse	is a building where school is held.

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*Not far from the village of Tarry Town is a quiet place.
This place is called Sleepy Hollow.*

Preview:

1. Read the name of the story.
2. Look at the picture.
3. Read the sentences under the picture.
4. Read the first two paragraphs of the story.
5. Then answer the following question.

You learned from your preview that the people of Sleepy Hollow

- a. are soldiers.
- b. are ghosts.
- c. live in the churchyard.
- d. hear and see strange things.

Turn to the Comprehension Check on page 40 for the right answer.

Now read the story.

Read to learn more about the teacher from Connecticut.

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Not far from the village of Tarry Town there is a quiet place. It is a little valley near the hills. This quiet place is called Sleepy Hollow.

Sometimes the people of this place see strange things. They hear music and voices in the air. They tell many stories about ghosts. One story is about the ghost of a soldier. The soldier is buried in the churchyard. They say his ghost has no head. At night, his ghost leaves the churchyard. He goes to the place of his battle. There he looks for the head he lost in the fight. The ghost is called the Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow.

At one time, a man by the name of Ichabod Crane lived in Sleepy Hollow. He was a teacher from Connecticut. Crane was very tall and thin. He had long arms and legs. He had big ears, large green eyes, and a long pointed nose. Crane loved books.

Crane's schoolhouse was made of logs. It was only one room. He made sure the children did what they were told. Sometimes he would help the smaller boys get back home. Most of the time the boys had pretty sisters or mothers who could cook and make things.

Ichabod's nose could smell good food from far away.

Ichabod could not pay for a house of his own. He stayed one week with each of the school children. He lived on their farms. They made room for Ichabod and his books. He would help cut wood for the fire. He would take the horses to get water. He would sing the babies to sleep.

Ichabod gave the children singing lessons. He would sing at church every Sunday. Ichabod felt very good about his singing and his schoolhouse.

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COMPREHENSION CHECK

Choose the best answer.

1. Sleepy Hollow is
 a. a very large place.
 b. a very loud place.
 c. a very quiet place.
 d. a place where soldiers live.

2. The people of Sleepy Hollow tell many stories about
 a. churchyards.
 b. ghosts.
 c. a headless soldier.
 d. New York.

3. The Headless Horseman of Sleepy Hollow is said to be
 a. a soldier who lost his head in battle.
 b. a soldier who never had a head.
 c. a soldier who did not like to fight.
 d. a soldier who never went to church.

4. Ichabod Crane was a teacher from
 a. Tarry Town.
 b. New York City.
 c. Colorado.
 d. Connecticut.

5. Ichabod Crane was
 a. a poor man.
 b. a rich man.
 c. a mean person.
 d. unfriendly.

6. The schoolhouse was made of
 a. bricks.
 b. steel.
 c. logs.
 d. straw.

7. Ichabod Crane loved to
 a. read and write.
 b. read and sing.
 c. eat and sleep.
 d. cut wood for the farmers.

8. Ichabod Crane lived
 a. on his own farm.
 b. in the schoolhouse.
 c. with the school children and their families.
 d. in the church.

9. Another name for this story could be
 a. "The Singing Teacher of Sleepy Hollow."
 b. "The Ghosts of Sleepy Hollow."
 c. "Growing Up on a Farm."
 d. "The Thin Man who Loved Books."

10. This story is mainly about
 a. a poor man who had no place to live.
 b. a man who saw strange things.
 c. a ghost called Sleepy Hollow.
 d. a kind teacher who lived in Sleepy Hollow.

Preview Answer:

d. hear and see strange things.

Check your answers with the key on page 67.

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VOCABULARY CHECK

book	nose	room	sing	sometimes
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I. Sentences to Finish

Fill in the blank in each sentence with the correct key word from the box above.

- When the baby cries, I _____ him to sleep.
- I brought the _____ back to school today.
- My mother says I have a button _____.
- My class is in the _____ down the hall.
- I swim in the pool almost every day. _____ I go to the beach.

II. Making Sense of Sentences

Put a check next to YES if the sentence makes sense. Put a check next to NO if the sentence does not make sense.

- A book is a good thing to eat. YES NO
- Sometimes means all the time. YES NO
- My nose was cold, so I put on my shoes. YES NO
- I like to hear the birds sing. YES NO
- Mother helped me clean up my room. YES NO

Check your answers with the key on page 70.

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