

## Rip Van Winkle by Washington Irving

### **I. Multiple choice. Click on the correct answer**

1. Which of the following statements about the story is true?
  - a. The time is less than a hundred years ago.
  - b. The story's action covers a period of about five years.
  - c. The Place is a village in the Catskill Mountains of New York.
  - d. The main character is a wealthy farmer.
  
2. All of the following correctly describe Rip Van Winkle except
  - a. nagged
  - b. simple
  - c. kind-hearted
  - d. quick-tempered
  
3. "The great error in Rip's character was an insuperable dislike of all kinds of profitable labor." This means that Rip
  - a. was fiercely independent
  - b. did not tend to business
  - c. was exceedingly lazy
  - d. disliked being with people
  
4. Of the following, which did Rip like least?
  - a. Helping a neighbor
  - b. Being around children
  - c. Working on his farm
  - d. Hunting or fishing
  
5. Whenever his wife started lecturing him, Rip
  - a. shrugged and said nothing
  - b. angrily left the room
  - c. went fishing
  - d. argued back
  
6. Rip's only constant companion and friend was
  - a. Wolf
  - b. Nicholas Vedder
  - c. his oldest son
  - d. Dame Van Winkle
  
7. Why did Rip help carry the keg of liquor up the mountain?
  - a. He was simply afraid to refuse.
  - b. He hoped to help drink it up.
  - c. He was invited to attend the party.
  - d. He was always happy to help others.
  
8. Who were the "company of odd-looking personages playing at ninepins" that Rip saw?
  - a. Creatures he dreamed about when he fell asleep
  - b. Dwarves who lived inside the Catskill Mountains
  - c. Ghosts of Henry Hudson and his sailors
  - d. Ghosts of long-dead Flemish soldiers
  
9. Why did Rip fall asleep in the midst of the party?
  - a. He got drunk on the liquor.
  - b. He was weary from his climb and unusual work.
  - c. The party lasted late into the night.
  - d. He was tired of filling the flagons.
  
10. From Rip's point of view, his long sleep had at least one happy consequence. What was it?
  - a. His farm had prospered in his absence.
  - b. His country had gained its independence from Great Britain.
  - c. No one was left to scold him.
  - d. His village had grown and prospered.