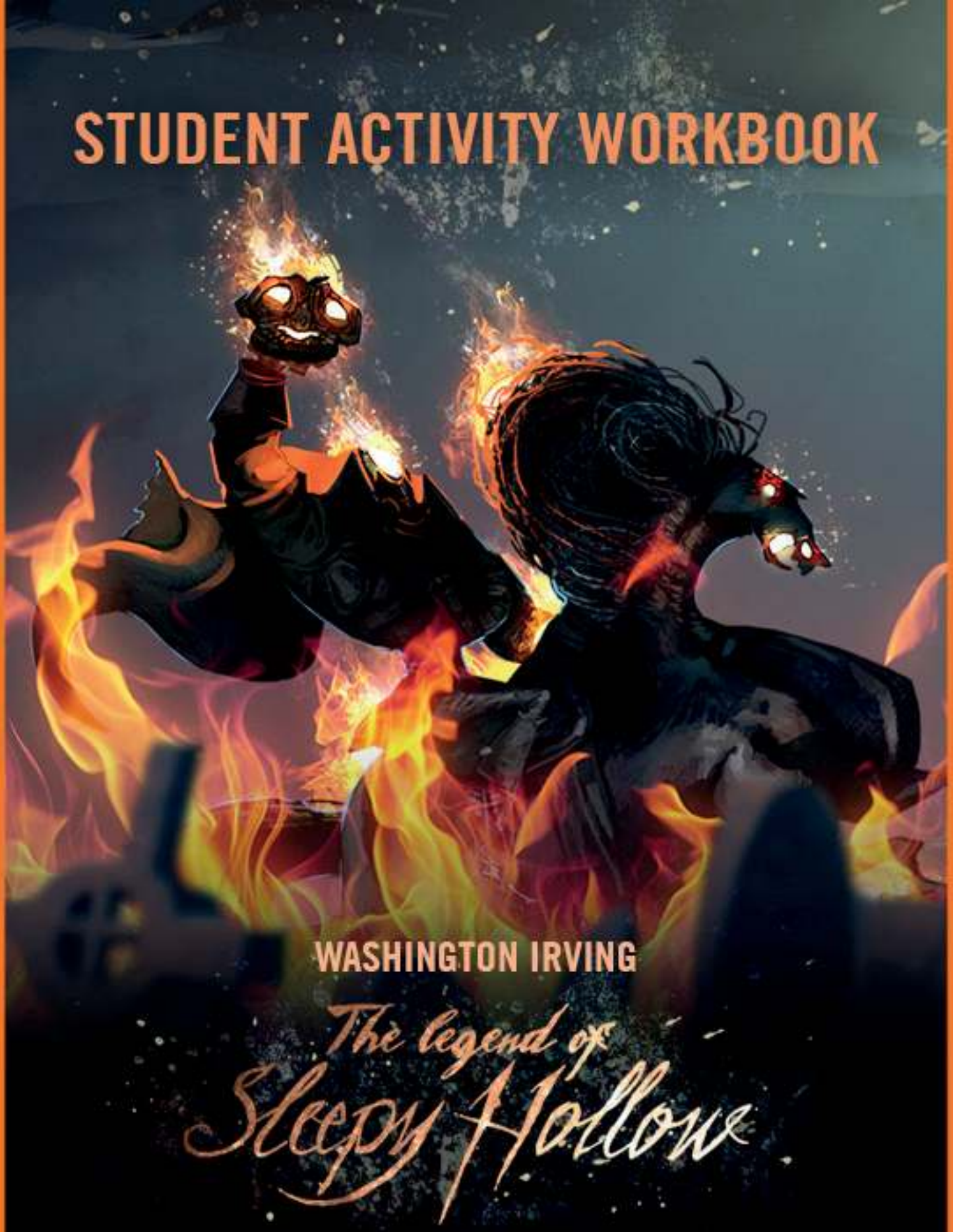
STUDENT ACTIVITY WORKBOOK



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The legend of Sleepy Hollow

FEATURING:

THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Character Analysis

Fill in the table below with information about:

a. Their profession
b. Their relationships with other characters
c. Their strengths
d. Their weaknesses
e. Their motivations (What do they want? What drives them to act the way they do?)

Name	Profession	Relationships	Strengths	Weaknesses	Motivations
ICHABOD CRANE					
KATRINA VAN TASSEL					
BALTUS VAN TASSEL					
BROM VAN BRUNT					
HANS VAN RIPPER					
THE HEADLESS HESSIAN					

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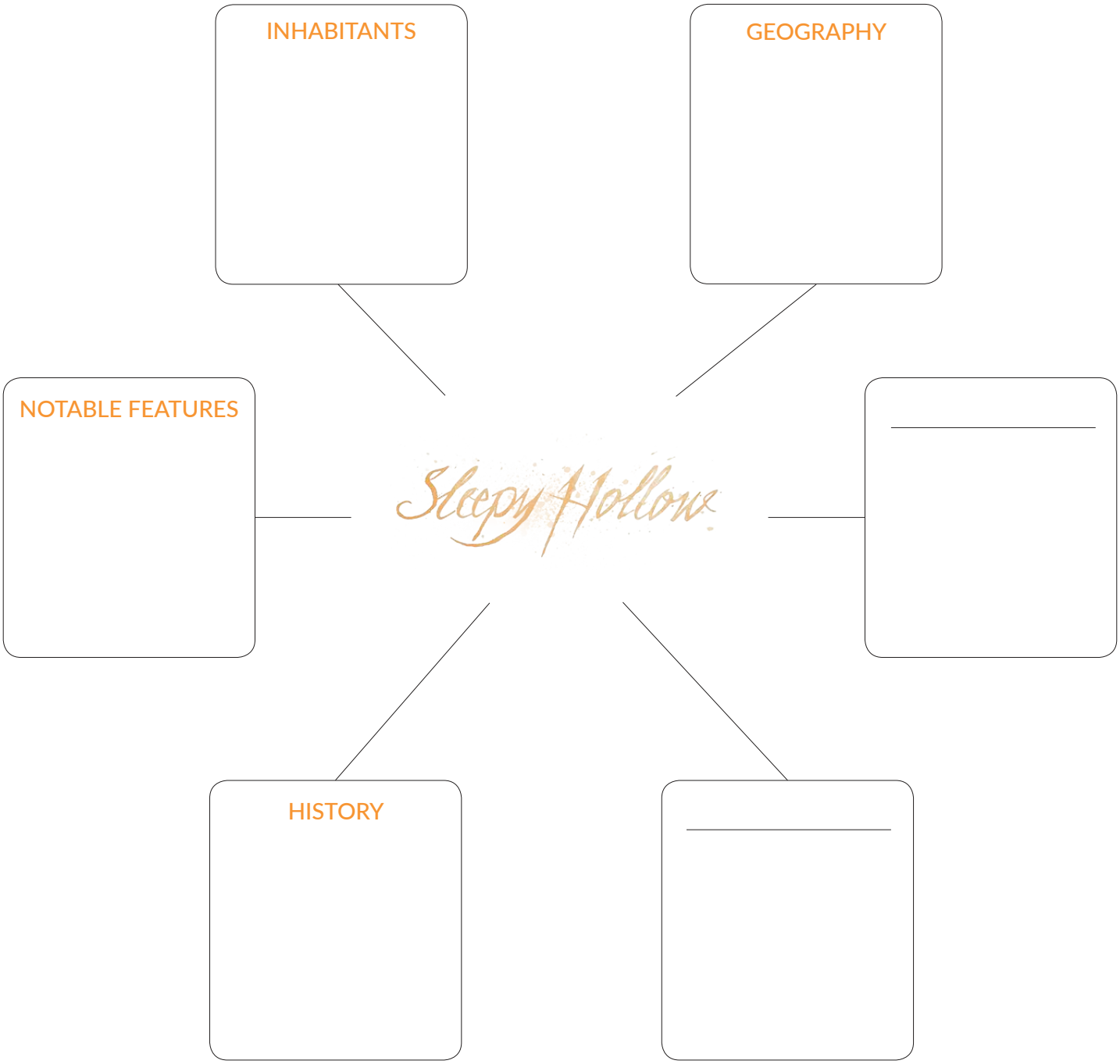
Ichabod Crane has many flaws, and aspects of his character can be seen to represent each of the Seven Deadly Sins.

Write some notes, or a short paragraph, for each of the Seven Deadly Sins, about how Ichabod's character or actions might represent them.

Deadly Sin	Ichabod's character or actions
GLUTTONY	
GREED	
WRATH	
LUST	
SLOTH	
ENVY	
PRIDE	

Reference for 7 deadly sins idea: Shmoop Editorial Team. "Ichabod Crane in The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." Shmoop University, Inc. Last modified November 11, 2008. Accessed September 24, 2017. https://www.shmoop.com/legend-of-sleepy-hollow/ichabod-crane.html.

The setting of Sleepy Hollow is an important part of the story, and the narrator describes it in a lot of detail. Complete this thought cloud with as much descriptive information as you can about the setting of Sleepy Hollow. Include information on each of the branches provided. You can also create new branches if you want to add any other information.



Matching exercise

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The schoolhouse stood in a rather lonely but pleasant situation, just at the foot of a woody hill, with a brook running close by, and a formidable birch-tree growing at one end of it.	2	B 
and like the lion bold, which whilom so magnanimously the lamb did hold, he would sit with a child on one knee, and rock a cradle with his foot for whole hours together.	3	C 
he would have passed a pleasant life of it, in despite of the Devil and all his works, if his path had not been crossed by... a being that causes more perplexity to mortal man than ghosts, goblins, and the whole race of witches put together	4	D 

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Now, his busy fancy already realized his hopes, and presented to him the blooming Katrina, with a whole family of children, mounted on the top of a wagon loaded with household trumpery	1	A	
Among these, the most formidable was a burly, roaring, roistering blade, of the name of Abraham	2	B	
Certain it is, his advances were signals for rival candidates to retire, who felt no inclination to cross a lion in his amours	3	C	
He rode with short stirrups; his sharp elbows stuck out like grasshoppers'; he carried his whip perpendicularly in his hand, like a sceptre	4	D	
Not those of the bevy of buxom lasses, with their luxurious display of red and white; but the ample charms of a genuine Dutch country tea-table, in the sumptuous time of autumn.	5	E	
It stands on a knoll, surrounded by locust-trees and lofty elms, from among which its decent, whitewashed walls shine modestly forth, like Christian purity beaming through the shades of retirement.	6	F	

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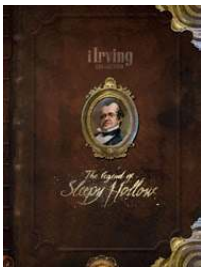
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It was at this identical spot that the unfortunate André was captured, and under the covert of these chestnuts and vines were the sturdy yeomen concealed who surprised him.	1	A	
In the dark shadow of the grove, on the margin of the brook, he beheld something huge, misshapen and towering.	2	B	
The stranger, however, quickened his horse to an equal pace	3	C	
his horror was still more increased on observing that the head, which should have rested on his shoulders, was carried before him on the pommel of his saddle!	4	D	
Ichabod cast a look behind to see if his pursuer shoulder vanish, according to rule, in a flash of fire and brimstone.	5	E	

Glossary

Inveterate (adj) long-established and unlikely to change
Repose (n) a state of rest or sleep
Stripling (n) a young man
Sabbath (n) a religious day of rest
Whither (adv) to which
Sequestered (adj) isolated, hidden
Powwow (n) a Native American ceremony
Reverie (n) a daydream
Hessian (n) Germany mercenary
Anon (adv) soon
Laud (n) praise
Wight (n) a specific kind of person
Sojourn (v) stay temporarily
Withe (n) a flexible willow branch
Peradventure (adv) perhaps
Potentates (n) monarchs or rulers
Behoove (v) to be a duty or responsibility of someone
Onerous (adj) difficult, troublesome
Whilom (adv) in the past
Magnanimously (adv) generously or forgivingly
Psalmody (n) the singing of psalms
Parson (n) a member of the clergy
Pedagogue (n) teacher
Swain (n) a country youth
Supernumerary (adj) extra or unneeded
Erudition (n) knowledge or learning
Credulity (n) gullibility
Capacious (adj) spacious
Portentous (adj) important, or done in a way to project importance
Perambulation (v) a walk or strill
Partridge (n) a type of bird

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Glossary

Withal (adv) in addition
Coquette (n) a flirtatious woman
Whence (adv) from where
Trumpery (n) attractive objects with little use
Piazza (n) the veranda of a house
Husbandry (n) the raising of animals
Pewter (n) a type of tin
Linsey-woolsey (n) a strong, coarse fabric of linen and wool
Parlor (n) sitting room
Yore (n) long ago
Caprices (n) sudden changes of behaviour
Roystering (v) enjoying oneself loudly or boisterously
Bluff (adj) direct in speech or behaviour
Countenance (n) face or facial expression
Tartar (n) a member of Genghis Khan's army
Gainsay (v) to deny or contradict
Boon (n) something helpful
Descried (v) caught sight of
Squall (n) a loud cry
Rantipole (adj) unruly and wild
Amours (n) love affairs

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Achilles (n) a mythological Greek hero, of the Trojan War, invulnerable apart from his heel
Preceptor (n) teacher or instructor
Ferule (n) a flat ruler with a widened end, used to beat children
Sloop (n) a one-masted sailing boat
Shad (n) a herring-like fish
Sage (adj) wise
Pillion (n) a woman's light saddle or a cushion attached to a saddle for a second person
Chapfallen (adj) mouth hanging open due to exhaustion or dejection
Timothy (n) a type of grass



Glossary

Lamentation (n) the passionate expression of grief or sorrow
Yeomen (n) a land-owning man
Lateral (adj) sideways
Plashy (adj) splashy
Cudgell (n) a short stick used as a weapon
Pertinacious (adj) stubborn
Girth (n) a band that fastens around a horse's belly to keep the saddle in place
Worsted (adj) made from a special type of woollen yarn
Foolscap (n) a size of paper

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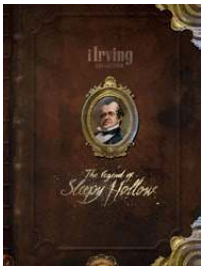
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Please choose the best option for each of the following questions:

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1. What is the other name given to Tarrytown?
a. Greensburgh
b. Hannastown
c. New Stanton
d. Hutchinson

2. What did the narrator go hunting for when he was young, in the walnut grove near the quiet valley?
a. Badgers
b. Foxes
c. Bears
d. Squirrels

3. How many butterflies fly around Sleepy Hollow when you turn the sketch into colourful reality? *
a. 1
b. 3
c. 7
d. 10

4. What do people call the men who live in Sleepy Hollow?
a. The Rustic Lads
b. The Bewitched Boys
c. The Untouchables
d. The Sleepy Hollow Boys

5. What happens to the soldier that appears in the red doorway surrounded by spears? *
a. He is stabbed with a spear
b. His head is blown off by a cannonball
c. He removes his head and jumps on a horse
d. He waves at the camera and starts to dance



6. What animal does the Headless spectre, who haunts Sleepy Hollow, ride?
a. A horse
b. A bear
c. A cow
d. A dragon

7. Why did Ichabod Crane stay in Sleepy Hollow?
a. To research the headless horseman
b. To hide from the police
c. To teach the children
d. To practice squirrel hunting

8. Which of the below descriptions match Ichabod Crane? Select all that apply.
a. Tall
b. Fat
c. Lanky
d. Huge ears
e. Tiny nose
f. Long nose
g. Enormous feet
h. Blue eyes
i. Green eyes

9. What did Ichabod Crane always say to his students after punishing them with the birch rod?
a. That he was sorry and would never hit them again
b. That they were nothing more than maggots
c. That what didn't kill them would make them stronger
d. That they would remember it and thank him for it

*For these questions, refer to the App "Sleepy Hollow"



10. How does Ichabod Crane survive despite not making much money from teaching?
a. He is given board and lodge by the parents of his students
b. He robs banks
c. He has inherited a large fortune from his great aunt
d. He smuggles illegal goods

11. What does Ichabod Crane take pride in doing on Sundays?
a. Reading palms
b. Singing psalms
c. Attending church
d. Teaching classes

12. Why does the narrator say that women living in rural neighbourhoods generally consider the schoolmaster to be an important person?
a. He provides opportunities for their children to further themselves and open their minds
b. He is considered more learned and sophisticated than other men in the town
c. They are jealous of all the time he spends with their children.
d. He reminds them of their own teachers when they were young.

13. What book does Ichabod Crane often spend hours reading by the stream?
a. “History of New England Witchcraft”
b. “The Dire Tales of Mather”
c. “Sleepy Hollow: A History”
d. “Horses and the Headless”

14. What does Ichabod Crane do to drown his thoughts or drive away evil spirits while walking back from the stream at night?
a. Read his book
b. Tells stories about comets and shootings stars
c. Counts up and down to and from 10
d. Sing psalms

15. What happens when you tap the tree in the moonlight? *
a. A cloud of bats fly out from behind it
b. The headless horseman rides out from behind it
c. It turns into a silver, ghostly figure
d. Ichabod Crane walks past, trembling

16. What does the narrator say is a being that causes more perplexity to mortal men than ghosts, goblins or witches?
a. Vampires
b. The Headless Horseman
c. A woman
d. Themselves

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Please choose the best option for each of the following questions:

1. What colour is the jewel in Katrine Van Tassel's necklace? *
a. Sapphire blue
b. Emerald green
c. Ruby red
d. Onyx black

2. Where is Baltus Van Tassel's farm?
a. On the bank of the river
b. In the depths of the forest
c. At the foot of the mountain
d. Next to Ichabod Crane's schoolhouse

3. What does the lake of geese at Van Tassel's farm turn into? *
a. A vegetable soup
b. A lake of gravy
c. A fried egg
d. A cake

4. What is hung in the centre of Van Tassel's parlor?
a. A string of red peppers
b. An ostrich egg
c. Flails and harnesses
d. A silver chain

5. What is Brom Van Brunt's nickname?
a. Brom Bones
b. Bone Breaker
c. BroBro
d. Big Brom

6. What decorates Brom's fur cap?
a. A ferret
b. A deer's antlers
c. Polka-dots
d. A fox's tail

7. What two things does the narrator say Brom is always ready for?
a. A fight or a frolic
b. A bear or a wolf
c. Cock fights and courting
d. Eating and sleeping

8. What characteristics of Ichabod's encourage him to compete for Katrina's affections despite Brom being such a formidable rival?
a. He was flexible and determined
b. He was brave and strong
c. He was sly and calculating
d. He was weak and cowardly

9. What did Brom and his gang do to Ichabod's singing school?
a. Covered it with gasoline and set it alight
b. Covered the walls with obscene graffiti
c. Joined up and ruined his lessons by singing in horrible, shrill voices
d. Smoked it out by blocking the chimney

10. What colour is Ichabod's only suit?
a. Grey
b. Black
c. Brown
d. Green



11. Which of the below descriptions match the horse that Ichabod rode to Mynheer Van Tassel's merry-making? Select all that apply.
a. Old
b. A young filly
c. Missing the pupil of one eye
d. Docile
e. Devilish
f. Bright white mane and tail

12. What season is it as Ichabod rides to the merry-making?
a. Summer
b. Spring
c. Autumn
d.Winter

13. What food items do the clouds above Ichabod and his horse turn into? Choose all that apply. *
a. A slice of pie
b. A bowl of soup
c. An egg
d. A lollipop
e. A chicken
f. An apple

14. What was considered potent for nourishing and strengthening the hair?
a. Goats milk
b. Cow dung
c. Fish brains
d. Eel-skin

15. What was Brom's favourite horse called?
a. Brom Junior
b. Daredevil
c. Buckeye
d. Alchemist

16. What did Ichabod do when the dancing ends?
a. Went to sit with a group telling stories
b. Went to find Brom to challenge him to a duel
c. Went back to the table to get a slice of apple pie
d. Went off for a midnight stroll with Katrina

17. What happened to Doffue Martling to prevent him from taking the British frigate?
a. He had no ammunition
b. He was captured by a scouting party
c. His gun burst
d. He was too drunk

18. What does the narrator say is particularly discouraging for ghosts in most villages?
a. The presence of modern machinery
b. The fact that all their friends move away, leaving no one they know to haunt
c. The fact that increasingly fewer people believe in ghosts
d. The increasing use of garlic in agriculture and cooking

19. Who was said to haunt the dark glen at Raven Rock?
a. The Headless Hessian
b. The woman in white
c. Major André
d. The Sleepless Spectre

20. What is the Headless Hessian said to have done to old Brouwer when they reached the bridge by the church?
a. Stabbed him in the chest
b. Turned him into a frog
c. Disappeared into a cloud of smoke
d. Threw him into the stream

21. What does Brom say he offered to race the Headless Hessian for?
a. A bushel of apples
b. A piece of gold
c. A bowl of bunch
d. A fish

22. What mood is Ichabod in when he eventually leaves the party?
a. Ecstatic
b. Terrified
c. Crestfallen
d. Bored



Please choose the best option for each of the following questions:

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1. What does Ichabod hear from the opposite shore of the Hudson?
a. The crowing of a cock
b. The barking of a watchdog
c. The howling of wolves
d. The sounds of a grand party

2. What kind of tree is Major Andrés tree?
a. A birch tree
b. A tulip tree
c. An elm tree
d. An oak tree

3. What happens when you move the branches hanging before the lightning-stricken trunk? *
a. A grinning face appears in the tree
b. The tree turns into the Headless Hessian
c. A screaming face flies out at you
d. A flock of bats fly out from behind it

4. What happens when you hold your finger down on the galloping Ichabod? *
a. The Headless Hessian comes up behind him
b. He starts singing psalm tunes
c. He falls of his horse
d. He arrives at the schoolhouse

5. Where does the Headless Hessian carry his head?
a. On the pommel of his saddle
b. In a bag around his shoulders
c. Hanging from his neck
d. It floats behind him

6. What does Gunpowder do when he reaches the road that leads down to Sleepy Hollow?
a. Skids to a halt
b. Increases his speed and gallops back to the town
c. Swerves off down the hill to the left
d. Swerves off, taking a path to the right

7. What happens when Ichabod gets half way through the hollow?
a. He falls of his horse
b. The Headless Hessian catches him
c. His saddle begins to slip off
d. His horse falls over

8. What does the Headless Hessian do after Ichabod crosses the bridge by the church?
a. Vanishes in a flash of fire and brimstone
b. Jumps of his horse and begins to walk across the bridge
c. Turns around and rides off the way they came
d. Throws his head at him

9. Besides Ichabod's hat, what is found on the banks of the river the next morning?
a. A shattered pumpkin
b. A man's head
c. A letter in a bottle
d. The broken saddle

10. What has the plowboy often thought he has heard when walking homeward of a still summer evening?
a. The clatter of horses' hooves
b. The swish of a birch rod
c. The howling of a wolf
d. The chanting of a psalm tune

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Imagine you are Katrina, in the middle of Ichabod and Brom's competition for your attention. Write a letter to your best friend explaining what's been happening, describing the two men, as well as how you feel about each of them, and then asking for advice on the situation.



At the end of Mynheer Van Tassel's party, Ichabod Crane stays behind to talk to Katrina, but something goes wrong and he leaves feeling quite dismal. Write a short extract of story about what happened between them. Start your story as the party begins to come to an end, and finish it with Ichabod leaving the house feeling dismal



Write a book review of Sleepy Hollow. In it include information on:

a. The setting
b. The main characters
c. A short outline of the plot
d. The best thing about the book
e. The worst thing about the book



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