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 **“The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”**

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**KEY LITERATURE TERMS TO KNOW**

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| **Hyperbole** The use of exaggeration to make a point. "I have a ton of homework.""I've told you a million times!"**Mood** The atmosphere or feeling created for the reader. Does the reader feel happy, sad, scared?**Tone** The attitude of the narrator toward a subject. The tone may be eerie, threatening, serious, or light.**Irony** A contrast between what is said or done and what is expected (opposite). Both elements together in writing or speech can equal **sarcasm.**  | **Legend**A traditional story handed down orally and believed to be based on actual people or events. When written down it becomes a **literary legend.** The Legend of Sleepy Hollow is an American short story based on a German legend. **Anti-Hero:** When a protagonist has some good qualities, but his serious character flaws make him less admirable than your hero.  |

**Comprehension**

1. How did Tarry Town get its name? How did Sleepy Hollow get its name?
2. Who do the villagers believe the headless horseman is? How did he lose his head?
3. What do the villagers think the headless horseman is doing out at night? Why is he said to be in such a hurry?
4. What is Ichabod Crane’s job? What other job did he do to earn a little more money?
5. Where does Ichabod Crane live? Why does he need to be able to have all of his

belongings in a small bundle?

6. Why do the women in the countryside think he is an important person?

7. What subject does Ichabod like to read about? What has increased his interest in this

subject?

8. What would happen to Ichabod when he would walk home at night after spending the

afternoon reading or listening to ghost stories at fireside gatherings ?

9. Name two main things that Katrina Van Tassel is known for.

10. The author, Washington Irving says, “When he entered the house, the conquest of his

heart was complete.” What was it that made Ichabod desire Katrina so much?

11. Name two reasons why it is difficult for Ichabod to fulfill his goal of marrying Katrina?

12. What gives Ichabod an excuse to visit Katrina at her house?

13. What approach does Brom Bones (Brom Van Brunt) want to take when he discovers

Ichabod is interested in Katrina? Why can’t he do that?

14. Name two pranks Brom Bones plays to get back at Ichabod for trying to steal

Katrina?

15. Why does Ichabod ignore teaching and dismiss class one hour early one day?

16. Ichabod takes great care in his appearance as he gets ready for the party at Baltus Van

Tassel’s. What is funny about the horse he is riding as he starts off like a “knight in

quest of adventures”?

17. How is Brom Bone’s horse, Daredevil, similar to him in its appearance and actions?

18. What story is told about Brouwer’s encounter with the headless horseman?

19. What story does Brom Bones tell about his encounter with the headless horseman?

20. Why does Ichabod leave the party “quite desolate and chopfallen”?

21. Is the figure that encounters Ichabod at the end the Headless Horseman or Brom Bones? Play detective and use the T-Chart to list four pieces of evidence for each side of the argument. Make sure to use quotes or summarize examples and then given your own conclusion to the mystery.

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| It’s the Headless Horseman goblin  | It’s Brom playing a trick |
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| Your conclusion:  |