

## Rip Van Winkle Activities A2



### A. Preparing to read

<b>Name</b>	Washington Irving
<b>City of birth</b>	New York City
<b>Date of birth</b>	April 3, 1783
<b>Nationality</b>	American
<b>Year of death</b>	1859
<b>Occupation</b>	writer
<b>2 famous short stories</b>	<i>Rip Van Winkle</i> (1819) <i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i> (1820)

You are writing a textbook for school children and you want to introduce Washington Irving. Write a short presentation, using the information in the grid. Then hide your text and introduce Washington Irving orally to a friend.

Washington Irving was. \_\_\_\_\_

He \_\_\_\_\_

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### B. Reading

It is the year 1760. A man called Rip Van Winkle lives in a village in the Catskill Mountains, in an English province in America.

**1. In groups, try to explain “An English province in America”.**

Click on [https://kids.kiddle.co/American\\_Revolutionary\\_War](https://kids.kiddle.co/American_Revolutionary_War) for help.

Take notes to tell the class what you've found. Do not write full sentences, only words.

## 2. Tick the right box and finish the right sentence

The story starts

- before .....
- after.....



### C. Read the first paragraph and tick the right boxes.

1. Rip Van Winkle is

- English
- French

He lives in

- America
- England

He is







- lazy
- always ready to work
- a generous neighbour
- a generous husband and father

2. Why is his family very poor?

### D. Read the second paragraph.

Help box.

George III: King of England (1760-1820)

 corn	 a field	 a hunter/ hunting	 a rifle
 a pheasant		 a barrel	

## 1. Find the correct information.

Rip's favourite place in the village: \_\_\_\_\_

His favourite friends: \_\_\_\_\_

Rip's wife is  happy  angry. She wants Rip to  have fun  help her.

So Rip goes \_\_\_\_\_ for food in  the fields  the mountains.

## 2. What happens one day? Put the sentences in the right order, from 1 to 6.

\_\_\_\_ He drinks from a barrel

\_\_\_\_ He goes to a park

\_\_\_\_ He falls asleep

\_\_\_\_ He helps a man

\_\_\_\_ He sees a lot of little people

\_\_\_\_ He meets a man

## E. Read the text to the end and answer the questions.

"Mr Vedder?" one of the men replies. "He died 18 years ago! Who are you old man?"

1.a. When does Rip Van Winkle wake up?

2 hours later  18 years later  20 years later

b. The drink in the barrel was

beer  a magic potion

c. So now Rip is

the same age as before  still a young man  an old man

## 2. Read again and find clues about his age

His body \_\_\_\_\_

His rifle: \_\_\_\_\_

His dog: \_\_\_\_\_

His walking: \_\_\_\_\_

His village: \_\_\_\_\_

People's clothes: \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. What has happened to the people?

Mr Vedder: \_\_\_\_\_

Rip's wife \_\_\_\_\_

Rip's daughter: \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. What has happened to the country?

\_\_\_\_\_

## FOR THE CHAMPIONS!

*Can you explain?*

“That man’s a spy, a traitor.”

### F. LISTENING AND ACTING.



Rip Van Winkle and his wife are having an argument. She’s not happy, she wants him to work. Listen to the recording to help you find ideas. Take notes.

RIP'S WIFE	RIP

Practise with a partner and play in front of the class when you’re ready.