





# Rip Van Winkle Activities @





### A. Preparing to read

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





### 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.

### In groups, try to explain "An English province in America".

Click on 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.

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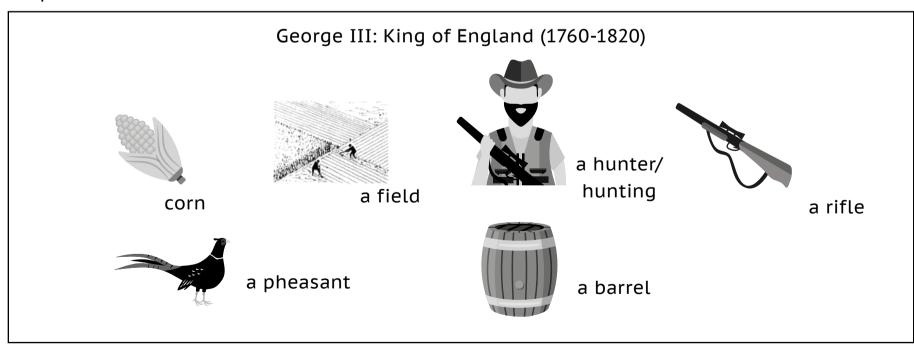




2. Tick the right box and finish the right sentence
The story starts
□ before
□ after
C. Read the first paragraph and tick the right boxes.
1. Rip Van Winkle is
□ English
□ French
He lives in
□ America
□ England
He is
□ lazy
□ always ready to work
🗌 a generous neighbour
🗌 a generous husband and father
2. Why is his family very poor?

### D. Read the second paragraph.

Help box.









Rip's favourite place in the village:				
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				
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He goes to a park				
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?"				
<b>1.a.</b> When does Rip Van Winkle wake up?				
🗌 2 hours hours later 🔲 18 years later 🔲 20 years later				
<b>b.</b> The drink in the barrel was				
$\square$ beer $\square$ a magic potion				
<b>c.</b> 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.

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