

Rip Van Winkle Summary

The story Rip Van Winkle is about a Dutch-American villager, named Rip Van Winkle and his experience and how he meets some men who change his life forever.

Rip Van Winkle was a good-natured man, he was a kind neighbour. He was always ready to help the needy so everyone liked him. He loved children and told them stories. But he was very lazy. Once he went out for a walk with his dog. A man called out his name who requires help in reaching the mountain. He decides to help him and give him company on the journey.

On reaching there, he found a group of men. When they reached a hollow, there were thunderous noises. Those men were dwarves who were silent, looked rich, had beards, and were playing nine-pins. Rip sat with them and started drinking their liquor. After drinking, he soon fell into a deep sleep. When he woke up his pet dog was nowhere to be found.

Then he began to descend the mountain to go back to his village. No one recognizes him there and he feels confused too. He found new people there. Neither he knew about them nor they knew about him. However, an old woman recognised him. She asked him where he had been for twenty long years.

Textual solutions

1. Make the words in the box with their meaning. You may take the help of a dictionary.

(i) near the lower part of a mountain

Ans. Foothills.

(ii) With grey hair

Ans. Grizzled.

(iii) To rub gently.

Ans. Stroked.

(iv) To be very surprised

Ans. Astonished.

(v) Known to you

Ans. Familiar.

2. Say whether the following sentences are True or False.

(a) Rip was kind to children.

Ans. True.

(b) Rip was a hardworking man.

Ans. False.

(c) The short old man on the mountain was his constant companion.

Ans. False.

(d) Rip helped the old man on the mountains because he wanted to have a drink from the barrel.

Ans. False.

(e) Rip was away for twenty years because he was asleep on the mountains.

Ans. True.

(f) The drink from the barrel made him fall asleep for twenty years.

Ans. True.

(g) Nobody recognized Rip when he came back because he had reached the wrong village.

Ans. False.

3. Complete the following sentences.

(i) Rip's village was situated_____.

Ans. at the foothills of Kaatskill mountains.

(ii) The children of the village loved him because _____.

Ans. he played with them, told them stories and taught them runs to shoot marble, and fly the kites.

(iii) _____ was his constant companion.

Ans. Wolf, the dog.

(iv) The villagers stared at him because _____.

Ans. They did not seem to know him.

(v) The old woman who recognized Rip was _____.

Ans. his neighbor

4. What were the strange things about the men on the mountains?

- Ans. (i) They all were dressed the same way.
- (ii) All had beards of various shapes and colours.
- (iii) Their faces were very serious.
- (iv) They did not speak.

5. What kind of a man was Rip Van Winkle?

- Ans. (i) He was a kind neighbor.
- (ii) He was a good-natured man.
- (iii) He loved the children.
- (iv) He was a very lazy man

6. Pick out the names of the games mentioned in the story.

Ans. Flying kites, ninepins, shooting marbles and mountain climbing.

[Chapter 2]

Rip Van Winkle

Adapted from *The Legend of Rip Van Winkle Washington*

Text Based Questions

- State 'T' for true and 'F' for false statements.
 - The only problem with Rip was that he was hyper-active.
 - Rip used to play with children.
 - The old man did not sport a beard.
 - Rip drank the contents of the barrel.
 - Rip's farm was well-maintained.
- Read the following lines of the story and answer the questions that follow.

He looked around for Wolf, but he was nowhere.
Rip whistled for him. "Wolf! Wolf!" he then shouted. No dog was to be seen.

 - Who is he in the above lines?
He' in the above lines refers to Rip Van Winkle
 - Wolf was the name of *Rip's pet dog*.
 - Find two verbs from the lines. *looked, whistled*
 - Find two pronouns from the lines. *He him*

Very Short Answer Type Questions

- Where was Rip's village located?
Rip's village was located at the foothills of the Kaatskill mountains.
- Who was Rip's constant companion?
Rip's constant companion was his dog, named wolf
- From where this story has been adapted?
This story was adapted from The Legend of Rip Van Winkle

Short Answer Type Questions

- Why did the children like Rip?
Children liked Rip because he played with them, he taught them to fly kites
- Describe the appearance of the old man who asked Rip to carry the barrel.
The old man was short, he had thick hair and a grizzled beard and was carrying a barrel
- Why did Rip obey the old man?
Rip obeyed the old man as he was trembling with fear

Long Answer Type Questions

- Describe the condition of Rip's farm.
Omitted
- How and when did Rip realise that he had grown old?

Language Based Questions

- Write the appropriate word by using the clues.

(i) Wild unwanted plants	W E E D S
(ii) Lines or folds on skin	W R I N K L E S
(iii) Dreaming while awake	D R Y D R E A M
(iv) To climb down	D E S C E N D
(v) A wooden container for storing oil etc	B A R R E L
- Listed below are a few words from the chapter that have been jumbled. Find the right word by unscrambling them.

(i) GEIVLLA	V I L L A G E	(ii) SELBMAR	M A R B L E S
(iii) DEOECH	E C H O E D	(iv) BURBED	R U B B E D

