



Chapter 1: Appendix B

Discussion Questions and Answers

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Questions (For Students)

1. Where does the story take place?
2. How would you describe Ichabod Crane?
3. Who is Gunpowder?
4. Who is the antagonist, and how would you describe him?
5. Who is the Woman in White?
6. What happens at midnight?
7. Who is Katrina? What happens between Ichabod and Katrina?
8. What is the legend of the Headless Horseman?
9. Who pretends to be the Headless Horseman?
10. What happens to Ichabod?

Discussion Answers (For Teachers)

1. The story takes place in Sleepy Hollow, New York, USA near the Hudson River, in 1809, and in the fall/autumn. Each of these answers demonstrates comprehension of the setting.
2. Ichabod Crane is a teacher from Connecticut; he is tall and lanky. He sleeps at a school house and eats meals with students' families. He wants to marry Katrina for wealth (land, farm, food).
3. Gunpowder is Ichabod's horse.
4. The antagonist is Brom Bones (Abraham Von Brunt). He has dark hair and a husky build. Like Ichabod, he wishes to marry Katrina. This causes conflict between Ichabod and him and leads Ichabod to impersonate the Headless Horseman.
5. The Woman in White is the subject of town gossip/rumor. It is said that she got lost in the forest and froze to death. They say you can hear her moaning near Raven's Rock.
6. Legend has it that at midnight the Headless Horseman appears.
7. Katrina is the person Ichabod wishes to marry; she is also the love interest of Abraham Von Brunt. When Ichabod proposes to her at a party, she turns him down while laughing.
8. He will ride his horse until he disappears in a flash of light at the bridge on Church Road. He was a Hessian soldier whose head was torn off by a cannon ball.
9. Abraham Von Brunt pretends to be the Headless Horseman.
10. Abraham Von Brunt, as the Horseman, throws his "head" at Ichabod and knocks him off his horse into the creek. The pumpkin hits Ichabod in the head and he falls off his horse and lands in the water (creek). Even though the townspeople say that the Headless Horseman chases Ichabod's spirit, Ichabod actually makes his way to New York and marries a wealthy tavern owner.

