

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Questions**  
*The Grapes of Wrath*, by John Steinbeck  
*Rip Van Winkle and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, by Washington Irving

**Answers to these questions are due to your English teacher the first Friday of school.**

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*The Grapes of Wrath:*

1. A truck picks up Tom Joad. What part of the country is he in? Where is he coming from? Where is he going?
2. What is Muley Graves doing on the land?
3. Who has taken the Joads' farm?
4. Where are the Joads moving to?
5. What will they be traveling in?
6. What kind of work will they seek?
7. Who is Preacher Casy?
8. Who is "Rose of Sharon?"
9. What happens to Grandma as they cross the desert at night?
10. Who is the leader of the strikers at Hooper Ranch? What happens to him? How does this involve Tom Joad?
11. Tom Joad leaves the family to do what?
12. What does Rose of Sharon do in the final chapter of the novel?
13. Write a short essay on the following questions: What is an epic? Is *The Grapes of Wrath* an epic? If so, why? If not, why not?

*Rip Van Winkle:*

- 1) Where are the Kaatskill Mountains?
- 2) “He inherited, however, but little of the martial character of his ancestors.” Who is this?
- 3) Who was Rip’s closest friend and constant companion?
- 4) What is “The only edged tool that grows keener with constant use?”
- 5) How did Nicholas Veddar resemble a sundial as he sat before the inn?
- 6) Up in the mountains, hunting, whom does Rip meet? What is he carrying? Where do they go?
- 7) Whom do they meet? What are they playing? Rip drinks from the flagon; what happens?
- 8) What has happened while Rip has been asleep?
- 9) What do the old Dutchmen say when they hear thunder in the mountains?

*The Legend of Sleepy Hollow:*

- 1) Explain the legend of the Headless Horseman.
- 2) Describe Ichabod Crane.
- 3) Describe Katrina Van Tassel.
- 4) How does Ichabod view the Van Tassel farm?
- 5) Describe Gunpowder.
- 6) Riding home from Van Tassel’s, whom does Ichabod encounter on the dark road?
- 7) At the climax of the case, what does the horseman do?
- 8) What ultimately becomes of Ichabod? Of Brom Bones?