

The Devil and Tom Walker (page 246)

Selection Test

Scavenger Hunt Rules

- Wait until we review the question to begin looking for the correct answer.
- When you find the correct answer, raise your hand and wait to be called upon.
- Read the answer passage aloud to your classmates.

Recall and Interpret

Write the letter of the best answer.

1. Which of the following leads Tom Walker to conclude that the man he meets in the forest is the devil? (p.251, R, #2)

- a. the man's appearance
- b. the ax that the man carries
- c. the way the man greets him
- d. the actions the man brags about

2. Which of the following is the one condition between Tom and the devil “which need not be mentioned, being generally understood”? (student must draw on prior knowledge)

- a. Tom will become rich.
- b. Tom’s wife will be killed.
- c. Tom’s soul belongs to the devil.
- d. Tom will represent the interests of the devil.

3. Which of the following does the story suggest is the wickedest occupation? (p.253, R, #1)

- a. pirate
- b. usurer
- c. preacher
- d. slave trader

4. Which of the following motivates Tom's wife to seek the devil?
(p.251, R, #3)

- a. fear
- b. greed
- c. anger
- d. revenge

5. The disappearance of his wife makes Tom feel (p.253, L, #2)

- a. wary. c. grateful.
- b. content. d. ashamed.

6. Which of the following motivates Tom's religious conversion in old age? (p.255, L, #2)

- a. fear
- b. shame
- c. sorrow
- d. self-doubt

7. In his old age, Tom begins to use the Bible mainly to
(p.255, L, #3 –R)

- a. protect himself.
- b. entertain himself.
- c. advise him in moral conduct.
- d. advise him in business matters.

8. What happens to Tom's possessions after he disappears?
(p.256, R, #2)

- a. They are destroyed.
- b. They also disappear.
- c. They are used for good instead of evil.
- d. They come under the control of other victims of the devil.

9. Which part of this tall tale is the most realistic?

(student must infer from details/also requires knowledge of literary elements: plot, setting, character)

- a. the plot
- b. the setting
- c. the human characters
- d. the non-human characters

Vocabulary Practice

Write the letter of the best answer.

10. Which of the following is the opposite of discord?
(p.247 Vocabulary – must know that “opposite” signals antonym)

- a. harmony
- b. anger
- c. elegance

11. Which of the following items is the most prevalent in a house? (p.47, Vocabulary – apply definition - widespread)

- a. sword
- b. light bulb
- c. crystal ball

12. A man who speculates probably hopes to
(p.47, Vocabulary – Apply definition - ... make quick profits)

- a. see better.
- b. win a race.
- c. make money.

13. A word that means nearly the same as surmise is
(p.47 Vocabulary – must know ...”nearly the same” = synonym)

- a. suppose.
- b. declare.
- c. oppose.

Analyze and Evaluate

prior knowledge: student must know the definition of characterization (it's in the textbook's Literary Terms HB, p. R3)

In boxes on the left, explain (define)
direct and indirect characterization

In boxes on the right, provide an
example from the story for each type of
characterization.

14. Direct characterization

- Direct Characterization – the author/narrator tells the audience what the personality of the character is.
- “The patient boy and quiet girl were both well mannered and did not disobey their mother.”
- What has the narrator told us?

15. Indirect characterization

- Indirect Characterization shows things that reveal the personality of a character. There are five different methods of indirect characterization:
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- **T**houghts – What is revealed through the character's private thoughts and feelings?
- **E**ffect on others toward the character. – What is revealed through the character's effect on other people? How do other characters feel or behave in reaction to the character?
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Quick Lesson about Characterization

You can find definitions and examples of “characterization” here:

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson800/Characterization.pdf

BIG IDEA Connect

Use a separate sheet of paper to answer the following essay question.

16. What would you say is the main object of Irving's satire in this story? How does Irving go about showing the dark sides of his targets? (must know what "satire" is and understand prompt)

- Satire – p. R17 (must recognize hyperbole (R9), understatement (R21), irony (R10))

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- Analyze the prompt:

What is the target of Irving's satire in this story? greed, greedy people, marriage

How does Irving go about showing the dark sides of his targets?

Remember that satire uses hyperbole, understatement, irony.

The characters of Tom and his wife are so exaggerated as to be unbelievable (hyperbole)

Create your topic sentence using the prompt and your ideas:

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- Example:

The main object of Irving's satire is greedy people, especially those whose wealth is ill-gotten or gained through the bad luck of others. Irving pokes fun at this type of person through his exaggerated characterization of Tom and his wife. Neither character is believable. The wife is so greedy, she hides eggs from her husband. Tom is not only eager to trade his soul for wealth, but his greed is greater even than the devil's.