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Washington Irving Author Study

Use the links posted in Google Classroom and/or the literature web page for Washington Irving in order to complete the following statements for this author.

1. Washington Irving was born April 3, _____ in New York City just as the American _____ War was coming to an end.
2. His parents were said to be patriotic and named their 11th child after the great general George _____.
3. Irving also served as the U.S. ambassador to _____ in the 1840s.
4. He began writing essays under the pen name Jonathan _____.
5. Irving passed the bar in 1807 to become a _____.
6. After his European travels he published in 1809, *A History of New York* a _____ work which helped him earn widespread acclaim.
7. Irving never married, but he was engaged to Maltida _____. Unfortunately, she died of _____ at the age of 17 and scarred Irving for a long time with her loss.
8. In 1815 Irving returned to Europe and it was while he was abroad that he published his collection of stories known as *The _____ Book of Geoffrey Crayon, Gent*, which included *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and *Rip Van Winkle*.
9. The two stories mentioned above are said to be his earliest examples of the genre of the _____ story which were both _____ and humorous.
10. His collection of stories, *The _____* was a milestone in American literary history because it was the first piece of American writing to garner European recognition.

11. In 1846, Irving returned to his **home** known as _____ in Tarrytown, New York.

12. He is said to have created the term “_____” which was a nickname for New York City.

13. In his later years, he wrote a five-volume biography of George _____.

14. Washington Irving is buried in _____ cemetery.

BONUS: In his 1812 revisions to *A History of New York*, he inserted a dream sequence featuring St. _____ soaring over treetops in a flying wagon, an invention which others dressed up as _____.