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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. He died in November of _____ in _____, New York.
4. Irving began his writing career at age _____, as a journalist using a pseudonym Jonathan _____.
5. He traveled extensively in Europe from 1804 to _____ on what he called a “grand tour” paid by his _____.
6. After his European travels he published in 1809, *A History of New York* a _____ history of the _____ life in New York.
7. He passed the bar in 1807 to become a _____.
8. 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.
9. In 1815 Irving returned to Europe for the next _____ years. 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*.

10. The two stories mentioned above are said to be his earliest examples of the genre of the _____ story which were both _____ and humorous.

11. His *The Sketch-Book* was a milestone in American literary history because it was the first piece of American writing to garner European recognition.

12. Irving was the U.S. minister to _____ from 1842 until 1845 under President Tyler.

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

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

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

16. 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 _____.