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“The Disturbing True Stories That Inspired ‘The Legend of Sleepy Hollow’

1. “... Irving’s creature is likely inspired by a historical account of the _____ Revolution.”
2. What is a Hessian soldier? _____
3. In which battle was the Irving’s Hessian soldier supposedly decapitated? Battle of _____ in 1776.
4. According to the story, where was the beheaded Hessian buried? Old _____ near Tarrytown.
5. Historical records indicated that there was a real decapitated Hessian soldier according to the memoir of Major _____.
6. Young Irving, age 15, left his home in New York City to venture to Tarrytown to escape what disease that had killed 5,000 in Philadelphia? _____
7. Which local mountains had a “witching effect” on Irving? _____
8. Ichabod Crane’s character is loosely inspired by Jesse _____, a friend of Irving’s and a teacher by trade or by Samuel _____, a lieutenant from Tarrytown and friends with the Van Tassel family or a composite of both men.
9. The old _____ and bridge is said to be the inspiration for the famous chase scene in the tale of the headless horseman.
10. The name Ichabod Crane belong to an actual army officer wo served during the War of _____ at Fort Pike.
11. Katrina Van Tassel is believed to be inspired by _____ Van Tassel _____.
12. _____ is name given to Washington Irving’s home in New York.
13. What caused Irving to leave New York for England? _____

14. While living with his sister and brother-in-law, Irving published a collection of short stories known as
The _____ Book.
15. What was his pseudonym for his essays written in 1819 through 1820? _____

16. The first known on-screen adaptation of *The Headless Horseman* was in _____ as a silent film.