

American Literature Test

Name _____

1. Patrick Henry was a strong advocate of _____ rights.
2. Name on of two things Henry says that he will be guilty of if he keeps his opinions to himself in his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech. _____
3. In this same speech, what does Henry say he can hear "clanking on the plains of Boston"?

4. Henry says that, if injuries are done to your country, what does your political duty demand?

5. In his speech, "Will Liberty or Empire Be Sought," what does Henry fear a future president might do if the Constitution were passed? _____
6. According to Henry, what is "the greatest of all earthly blessings"? _____
7. Washington Irving set his stories in the _____ Mountains.
8. Where is Irving buried? _____
9. What does Irving say is "the only edged tool that grows keener with constant use"? _____
10. What does Irving mean when he says, "Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortune; but great minds rise above them"? _____
11. How did Rip Van Winkle escape from his wife's constant nagging? _____
12. What did Rip Van Winkle find had happened when he awoke from his nap? _____
13. _____ was the first American best-selling author.
14. The famous series of books written by James Fenimore Cooper was known as _____.
15. In *The Last of the Mohicans*, what does Hawkeye say is the only book he ever read? _____
16. What did Hawkeye mean when he told Sagamore, "The gifts of our colors may be different, but God has so placed us to journey on the same path"? _____
17. What occurred during the eclipse described by Cooper? _____
18. In *The Eclipse*, what two things does Cooper say he learned? _____
19. William Cullen Bryant served as editor-in-chief of _____ for 50 years.
20. Bryant helped found _____ Park in New York City.
21. What does Bryant say were "God's first temples"? _____
22. What person does Bryant compare America to in his poem by that same name? _____
23. How does Bryant say you should approach death in "Thanatopsis"? _____
24. Name two things that Bryant says will pass away and the one thing that will not pass away in his poem, "The Love of God." _____
25. What life lesson does Bryant teach in his poem, "To a Waterfowl"? _____
- ____ 26. Patrick Henry
a. *The Last of the Mohicans*
- ____ 27. Washington Irving
b. "Thanatopsis"
- ____ 28. James Fenimore Cooper
c. "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"
- ____ 29. William Cullen Bryant
d. *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*

How much of your book did you finish reading? _____