The Devil and Tom Walker
By Washington Irving

VOCABULARY - 20 points

- Find the words below in the story (you were asked to underline them as we read the story in class together),
- Copy the sentence in which each word appears in the story. Highlight the word.
- Explain the meaning of the word.
- Write another sentence using the word. You may create a sentence or find it in a dictionary.

presided ill-gotten miserly famine treacherous impregnable
dusk perplexed sneer earnest eloped usurer *
peculiar propitious parsimony strenuously superfluous indulgence

* Explain this word as it relates to the story. Who is the usurer in the story and what does he do? Explain in detail using information from the story. Site the location of the information.

STORY ANALYSIS - 27 points

- The short story, The Devil and Tom Walker, is an allegory. Explain what an allegory is and why this story is one.
- Make a complete list of all the wildlife and vegetation that is mentioned in the story. Incorporate at least 5 visuals that depict some of them.
- State in one sentence what the setting of the story is. How essential is the setting to the story? Could the story have taken place anywhere else?
- Write an essay describing the three main characters in the story: Tom Walker, his wife, and the devil. Make sure you include the details and descriptions that appear throughout the story. You should have highlighted or underlined the sentences describing the characters as we read the story in class together.
- This story relies on symbolism. Give one example of symbolism used in the story. Explain. Site the page number where you found the symbolism used.

READING COMPREHENSION - 53 points

A. Answer the following questions separately. Copy each question and answer it in a complete sentence. Watch your spelling and grammar. - 50 points total

1. Describe the relationship between Tom and his wife. Use details and information from the story to support your answer. Include Tom’s feelings about his wife’s disappearance. (3)
2. Where does Old Scratch first appear? Site page number. (2)
3. What supernatural or surprising events occur in the story? Describe at least two of them. Explain and site the location of your answer in the story. (3)
4. What were some of the nicknames that the Devil had? List them and specify where you found that information in the story. (2)
5. What does Old Scratch offer Tom Walker? Where are they when this happens? (2)
6. Why do you think Tom does not accept the deal right away? Find evidence in the story to support your answer. Site the page number. (3)
7. What happens to Tom’s wife after her second encounter with Old Scratch? Explain in detail using evidence from the story and site where the information is located. (3)
8. What did Tom find hanging from the tree in the forest (include its contents)? What was Tom really looking for? Did Tom find what he was looking for? How did he console himself? (2)
9. What did Tom want from the Devil? (2)
10. What did the Devil want Tom to do in exchange? (2)
11. What line of work does Tom refuse to participate in? (2)
12. What deal does Tom finally agree to with Old Scratch? What are the conditions? (2)
13. How does Tom’s life start changing after the deal? (3)
14. How does Tom try to protect himself from harm? What things does he do to keep him safe? Site where the information is in the story. (3)
15. What color was the horse that came for Tom? What do you think that color symbolizes? Where is the horse taking Tom? (3)
16. How was Tom dressed in the end? (2)
17. What does Tom say before he is taken away? (2)
18. What, in summary, happened to Tom Walker? (3)
19. What is the central/primary purpose of the story? Is the purpose important or meaningful? (3)
20. What is the moral of the story? (3)

B. **Sentence Completion**  - ½ point each. **Total 3 points**

Copy the following sentences and complete them using information from the story you have read.

1. The buried treasure that the Devil presided over was said to have come from ________________.
2. On the day that Tom Walker meets the Devil, he kicks ________________.
3. Before Tom departs from the forest after his first encounter with the Devil, the Devil gives him his signature, which is ________________.
4. Tom feels grateful to the Devil for ridding him of ________________.
5. Tom Walker and the Devil agreed that Tom’s work/responsibility towards the Devil would be ________________.
6. When the Trustees were to go through all of Tom Walker’s money and property, they found ________________.