## 4:5—The American Romantic Movement—Washington Irving—"The Devil and Tom Walker"

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in complete sentences in your notebooks, using your literature book as a resource.

1. Do a brief character sketch of Tom Walker and his wife, using at least three adjectives to describe them and giving an example from the story that illustrates each characteristic.

2. What deal does Tom first turn down with the Devil? What deal does he later accept? What does this show about Tom's character?

3. Give examples of ways in which Tom tries to hang onto his lucrative financial job while cheating the Devil out of his ultimate deal. Why do these things not work?

4. Give examples of irony found in this story.

5. What symbols do you see at work in this story and what does each one symbolize?

- 6. Discuss some of the elements of Romanticism found in this story.
- 7. What elements of this story could also classify it as a folk tale?