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American Romanticism

Characteristics in _____ (name of story)

Characteristic	Example from story	Quote and citation
Values feeling and intuition over reason		
Places faith in inner experience and the power of the imagination		
Shuns the artificiality of civilization and seeks unspoiled nature		
Prefers youthful innocence to educated sophistication		
Champions individual freedom and the worth of the individual		
Reflects on nature's beauty as a path to spiritual & moral Development		
Looks backward to the wisdom of the past & distrusts progress		
Finds beauty & truth in exotic locales, the supernatural realm, and the inner world of the imagination		
Finds inspiration in myth, legend, and folklore		

Answer the following questions, using quotations from the story and accurate in-text citations.

1. How does the description of Tom's house affect the mood of the story? What words are significant?

2. What mood does the description of the swamp create, and what specific words in particular heighten this mood?

3. What is ironic about Irving referring to Tom as a "friend in need"?

4. What is the theme of the story, as indicated in the final paragraph?
