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**"The Devil and Tom Walker" Study Guide Questions**

1. What is the setting of the story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What legends are associated with the swamp? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What was the main characteristic of Tom and his wife? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Describe Tom's relationship with his wife. \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What brings about the devil's appearance in the story? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Describe the devil or "Old Scratch." \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. What was unusual about the large trees surrounding the fort? Explain significance.. \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What deal did "Old Scratch" offer Tom? \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. What were two proofs which convinced Tom of the devil's authenticity? \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. Why does Tom refuse the devil's offer at first? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Why does Tom's wife go to the swamp twice? \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Why was Tom concerned when his wife didn't return from the swamp after the 2<sup>nd</sup> visit? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. When he went after her, what did Tom find? \_\_\_\_\_  
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14. What had apparently happened to Tom's wife? \_\_\_\_\_  
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15. What was Tom's attitude toward the loss of his wife? \_\_\_\_\_  
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16. What were the terms of Tom's deal with the devil? \_\_\_\_\_  
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17. Why was Tom so successful as a usurer? \_\_\_\_\_  
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18. Give examples which show Tom remained a miser even after becoming wealthy. \_\_\_\_\_  
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19. How did Tom attempt to cheat the devil? \_\_\_\_\_  
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20. Describe the events which bring about the devil appearing at Tom's door. \_\_\_\_\_  
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21. What happened to Tom's wealth and property after he disappeared in the swamp?  
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Extra Credit: Why did I include a picture of a tree here? (How does it relate to the story?)

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