



The Legend of Sleepy Hollow **Writing Activities**

1. Legends are stories based on events, which took place a long time ago. They take place in the present time period or are from the historical past. Legends are about real people and usually distort the truth and exaggerate the positive or negative characteristics about a person. The settings are in a particular time or place and reflect the attitude and values of the culture from which they originate.

- Identify the parts of The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, which show why this tale is considered a legend. Use the underlined clues above and be specific with parts of the story. (Example of distorting the truth: Brom said that he raced the *Headless Horseman* and won.)

1. Have you ever felt scared or afraid of something? How did you show it? Did you think that you heard voices or noises? Did you believe that you saw strange figures or ghost like creatures? Did this fear last for a long period of time? How did you get over this feeling, or did you? Tell your story.
2. What do you think really happened to Ichabod Crane? Share your idea and explain the reason(s) for your ending to The Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Compare and contrast Brom and Ichabod. How are they alike and how are they different?