“The Devil and Tom Walker” – study guide

1. What was found under a giant tree?
2. Who presided at the hiding of the money?
3. What happened to Captain Kidd?
4. Describe Tom Walker and his wife.
5. Describe their living conditions.
6. What type of woman was Tom’s wife?
7. Describe Tom’s shortcut home.
8. Why did people have a bad opinion of the Indian fort?
9. Whom did Tom encounter in the woods?
10. What proof did the devil give Tom?
11. What is the significance of Crowninshield’s death?
12. How did Tom’s wife react to his secret?
13. What happened to Tom’s wife on her trip to the woods?
14. What did Tom find in his wife’s apron?
15. What did Tom feel towards the devil after finding the apron?
16. What deal did the devil and Tom make?
17. What happened during the time of Governor Belcher?
18. When Tom began to feel anxious about his deal with the devil, how did he change?
19. When did the devil come for Tom?
20. What happened to Tom’s possessions?
21. What does the story say still remains from the tale?
22. What lesson does the story teach?

List examples of characterization – both direct and indirect (STEAL: what a character **s**ays, **t**hinks, **e**motions of a character, **a**ctions of a character, **l**ooks of a character)