

# THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Theme/Central Idea Activity



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The purpose, message, or concern of a text or concept.

## Different kinds of themes:

Good vs. evil

Love

Death

Coming-of-age

Religion

Nature

Alienation (loneliness)

The Supernatural

7 Deadly sins (greed, gluttony, pride, sloth/laziness, envy, lust, wrath)

# Think of a theme park!

What concept is  
“Frontierland”?

The American West,  
exploration, country life

What concept is  
“Tomorrowland”?

The future, innovation, space



# When you read or watch a story ...

The **theme/central idea** is not going to be directly stated or given!

It will be **implied** – inferred. Identify the given details that represent an idea.

## Star Wars

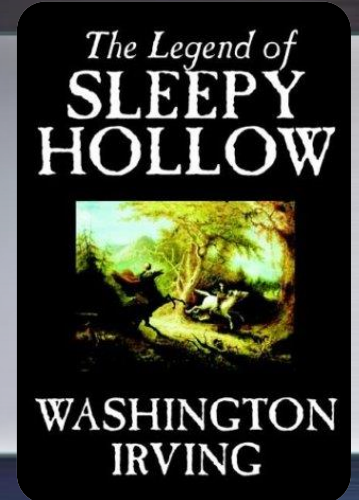


Luke Skywalker – “light” or good side  
Darth Vader – “dark” or bad side

Theme: Good vs. Evil

# The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

- A short story written by Washington Irving, first published in 1820.
- One of the earliest examples of American fiction.
- Based on a German folktale.
- Takes place in 1790 in a glen called Sleepy Hollow outside of a Dutch settlement called Tarry Town.



We are going to take notes as we watch Disney's version of *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.

# Movie:

<http://ishare.rediff.com/video/entertainment/the-legend-of-sleepy-hollow-1949-disney-masterpieces-full-movie-youtube/7392560>