1. What is the setting for this story?

2. What is supposed to be hidden under one of the big trees beside the inlet?

3. Describe the marriage of Tom Walker and his wife. What bad traits do they have?

4. Why does Tom walk through the swamp on the way home one day?

5. Where does Tom pause to rest and what does Tom discover in the ground at his feet? What happens when he kicks it?

6. What does the tree with Deacon Peabody’s name on it show about him?

7. What does the devil offer Tom?

8. When his wife hears Tom’s story, what is her reaction?

9. When he gets old, what different things does he do to avoid keeping his end of the bargain he had made with the devil?

10. What is Tom’s response to the customer’s request? What happens immediately after?