

## **Leader: Thea Harantová**

### **The group leader...**

...was well-prepared for the discussion: 5.0

...opened the session with a clear introduction of the topic: 5.0

...got everyone to participate: 5.0

### **For me, the most interesting question was:**

- about how we perceive Rip as character
- Whether we, as the participants of the discussion, believed Rip Van Winkle's tale or not, or if we had our own personal theories about what happened during the 20 years of his sleep
- About the 20 years that Rip "was asleep"
- The one about the possible happenings during the twenty years Rip slept - did he actually sleep?
- What could he do in the 20 years?
- The most interesting part about the discussion weren't necessarily the questions themselves but rather the discussion that followed. The questions were very interesting in a way that made us think.

### **One thing I learned from this discussion:**

- The leader mentioned more theories about what Rip was doing when he disappeared because I actually did not think about it as much as the leader did
- That a large number of subtle details in the story could be attributed to the underlying theme of alcoholism as depicted by Irving
- More about the implications that Rip was an alcoholic
- That there were themes I completely missed, like the alcoholism.
- The alcoholism could play a big role in the story
- That I wasn't the only one who viewed the story the same way.

### **What could be improved in the discussion:**

- X
- Maybe more questions
- "Nothing"
- I think Thea was very well prepared and led the discussion nicely. It was one of the best discussions I've been a part of, so I wouldn't change anything.