

## The Devil & Tom Walker Guided Questions

### SECTION 2 (begins p. 244 last paragraph)

1. Why does Tom refuse to make a deal with the devil initially?
2. What does his wife do about his refusal?
3. When did Tom's wife return?
4. What did she take with her?
5. What is the significance of the carrion crows?
6. Explain the gruesome find.
7. "Tom consoled himself for the loss of his property with the loss of her wife, for he was a man of fortitude". Explain.
8. What is the devil's "condition" in making his deal with Tom?
9. There is one job that Tom refuses to do. What does this character's refusal tell us about the author's views on this type of job?
10. What job does he accept?

### SECTION 3 (begins p. 248)

11. When Tom set up his business, the author says Tom was a "universal friend to the needy, and acted like a 'friend in need'". What do you think this means?
12. What does it mean to say that Tom became a "violent churchgoer"? What literary device is this an example of?
13. Explain the significance of this phrase: "He had left his big Bible on the desk buried under the mortgage he was about to foreclose".
14. What was Tom Walker's ultimate fate?
15. What happened to Tom's possessions?

