Washington Irving is considered to be the first canonized modern short story writer of USA. He is particularly famous for “The Legend of the Sleepy Hollow” and “Rip van Vinkle”. Please consider the following questions while reading “The Adventure of The German Student” .

1. Who are the main characters in the short story?

2. What do we know about each character in the work?

3. What is the dominant feel of the work? What is you emotional reaction to the work?

4. What elements trigger those emotions?

5. What is gothic fiction?

6. What are the main issues of the 19th century American citizen?