Soul Sleepers: A History of Somnambulism in the United States, 1740-1840

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During his first year of marriage Brown published the story "Somnambulism: A Fragment" in one of the journals for which he served as editor. Many scholars believe that the tale had actually been written earlier, when Brown was drafting his 1799 novel Edgar Huntly, or Memoirs of a Sleep-Walker, which develops more thoroughly several of the same themes and other elements. Plague and frighten people" in the forest, and the conspicuous ambiguity of the ending. The summary of Brown's fiction in one modern reference work holds true for this story: "His work is psychologically probing and gives loose rein to a deep curiosity about the forces that prompt human action, especially those pathologies that tend to provoke evil or destroy human happiness." History of the United States > The Colonial Period Introduction | Early America | Revolutionary Period and New Nation | Slavery, Civil War and Westward Expansion | Growth and Transformation | War and Prosperity | The Great Depression and the New Deal | World War II | Postwar America | Decades of Change | Towards the 21st Century | The 21st Century. Teacher Resources · Lesson Plans: Then and Now: Life in Early America, 1740-1840 (EDSITEment) · Salem Witch Trials (WebQuest) · Scholastic.com Research Starter: Plymouth Colony · USA: Geschichte, Gesellschaft, Wirtschaft: Kolonialzeit. Texts are abridged from U.S. State Department IIP publications and other U.S. government materials. What kind of information materials are available? The story begins with an extract from The Vienna Gazette that tells the story of a European murder that parallels the one in "Somnambulism" in every detail. When the narrative begins, the narrator and protagonist, a young man later identified as Althorpe, tells of a dinner party at his family's home. His guest, Mr. Davis, receives an urgent letter calling him away. Though it is late at night, Davis resolves to leave immediately, and his daughter Constantia insists on going with him. Somnambulism Homework Help Questions. What is a summary of Somnambulism? The story begins by making an inference to a story about a man who had killed a woman while sleepwalking. The story then introduces Mr. Davis and his daughter, Constantia, who are visiting a young