Study Guide

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English 7
Chapters 1, 2 and 3

Complete the following statements with the correct word or words.

1. Tom's ________________ is Aunt Polly's dead sister.

2. Because Tom plays hooky from school, Aunt Polly plans to ________________ him.

3. ________________ is Tom's half-brother and ________________ is the boy who helps with the chores around the house.

4. At the dinner table, Sid reveals Tom's lie by drawing attention to the ________________ Tom used to ________________ his shirt collar.

5. The story is set in the town of ________________, Missouri.

6. The reader never learns the name of the ________________ with whom Tom fights.

7. Early Saturday morning, Tom's chore is to ________________.

8. Jim and Tom are interrupted in the middle of studying Tom's sore toe by ________________, who ________________.

9. Tom convinces the other boys to whitewash the fence by ________________

10. Tom and his friends play ________________ in the public square in the village.

11. When Tom sees the ________________, he begins to show off.

12. ________________ breaks the sugar bowl, however ________________ is assumed to be guilty.
Write true or false on the line provided.

1. _____ Tom tries to memorize five verses of the Sermon on the Mount because this Bible section is one of his favorites.
2. _____ Cleanliness and fine clothes are important to Tom.
3. _____ Tom earns his Bible by bending the rules somewhat.
4. _____ "David and Goliath" is the correct answer to Judge Thatcher's question.
5. _____ Tom leaves the church feeling cheerful because of the uplifting service.
6. _____ Tom's illness is an attempt to avoid school.
7. _____ Aunt Polly's technique for removing teeth includes silk thread and a hammer.
8. _____ Huck Finn is admired by the parents of the town.
9. _____ Tom is considered to be a lucky boy by the boys in St. Petersburg because he does not attend school or church, never washes or wears clean clothes, and does not follow any rules.
10. _____ Tom doesn't believe that dead cats can be used to cure warts.
11. _____ Becky Thatcher is impressed by Tom's math ability.
Chapter 6

1. What is Tom's mood like at school? How does he try to fool Aunt Polly?

2. What is Aunt Polly's technique for removing loose teeth?

3. Tom and Huckleberry Finn discuss ways to remove warts. What are their superstitions for the removal?

4. Whose grave are the boys going to visit tonight?

5. What does Tom trade his tooth for? With whom does he trade?

6. Why does Tom have to sit with the girls at school? Who does he meet and how does he try to impress her?
Chapter 7

1. What is Tom’s mood like at school? How does Twain’s description of the weather and nature in general help you to “feel” just what Tom’s mood is like?

2. What mischief does Tom and his “bosom friend” get into at school?

3. School was very different in Tom Sawyer’s day. What was the teacher like? How does he punish children for not paying attention?

4. What does Tom ask of Becky? What big mistake does he make when talking with her?

5. Becky returns a gift Tom gave her. What is it?

6. How do we know Tom is very upset? What does he do?

Put the following events from chapter 7 in the correct order:

_____ Joe Harper and Tom exercise the tick.
_____ Becky and Tom give their schoolmates the slip.
_____ Becky refuses Tom’s gift of the brass knob.
_____ The schoolmaster interrupts Joe and Tom.
_____ Tom gives Becky a drawing lesson.
_____ Tom accidentally mentions Amy Lawrence.
Chapter 8

1. What kind of a mood is Tom in? How does Twain's description of the day (first paragraph of the chapter) help set the mood?

2. Tom decides he cannot "leave" this life. Why?

3. What lifestyle (career) is Tom going to adopt?

4. Once again, we have a discussion of superstition, or belief, that Tom has. What is it?

5. What game does Tom play with his friend? Why might this game give the reader the idea that Tom and his friend like to read?

Put the following events from chapter 8 in the correct order:

_____ Tom plans to disappear and to return to town as a great Indian Chief.
_____ Tom reclaims a marble he had hidden in a decaying log.
_____ Robin Hood and Guy of Guisborne engage in battle.
_____ Tom wishes to die temporarily.
_____ Tom plans to disappear and to return to town as a pirate.
_____ Tom tosses a marble away, exclaiming, "Brother, go find your brother."
Put the following events from chapter 9 in the correct order:

1. Huck and Tom believe the figures approaching the graveyard are three devils.
2. Injun Joe reminds Dr. Robinson of an incident that happened years ago. The incident explains why he hates the doctor.
3. Huck and Tom recognize Muff Potter, Injun Joe, and Dr. Robinson.
4. Huck and Tom walk to the graveyard to test their theory about warts and cats.
5. The three thieves rob the grave of the coffin and rob the coffin of its body.
6. Injun Joe drives Muff Potter’s knife into Dr. Robinson.
7. Huck and Tom run away.
8. Injun Joe promised Potter he will not “tell” on him.
9. Muff Potter and Dr. Robinson fight.
10. Injun Joe places the murder weapon in Potter’s hand.
Chapters 10, 11 and 12

Read the list of causes and then read the list of effects. Write the letter of the correct effect on the line next to its cause.

Causes

1. _____ Because the boys are terrified by what they have witnessed,........
2. _____ Because they fear Injun Joe would kill them if they said what they knew,.....
3. _____ Tom suggests that because Muff is drunk,...........
4. _____ Because the howling dog is facing Muff Potter,........
5. _____ Since Aunt Polly claims Tom will send her to an early grave,........
6. _____ Because Muff Potter is not clean by habit,........
7. _____ Because he wants to retrieve his knife,........
8. _____ Since Potter’s knife is found near the corpse,........
9. _____ Since God does not strike Injun Joe with lightening as he unravels his lie,.....
10. _____ Because Tom’s conscience does not leave him alone,........
11. _____ Because Becky Thatcher has stopped coming to school,........
12. _____ Because Aunt Polly believes everything she reads,.....
13. _____ Because Tom gives Peter a dose of painkiller,........
14. _____ Once Aunt Polly concludes that what is cruel to a cat may also be cruel to a child,.....

Effects

A. Tom and Huck believe he has sold himself to the devil in return for protection.
B. Tom and Huck believe that Muff is in danger.
C. he is considered guilty of the crime.
D. the boys swear not to tell what they saw in the graveyard.
E. he had difficulty sleeping at night.
F. he may not know that Injun Joe killed Dr. Robinson.
G. Tom regrets sneaking out that night and promises to change.
H. they flee the graveyard.
I. Potter returns to the crime scene.
J. the townspeople are suspicious when they find him washing himself.
K. the cat dashes through the house, leaving confusion in its path.
L. Tom loses interest in games and everything else.
M. Tom is no longer required to take medicine.
N. she purchases medicine from health journals.
Chapter 13

1. Why is Tom running away from home?

2. Why has Joe Harper been punished?

3. Where are the boys running away to? Who is with them?

4. We again see Tom's conscience bothering him. Why? Do all the boys feel guilty?

Chapter 14

1. How is the morning described?

2. How do the boys know the people are looking for them? How does Joe feel? What does he think of doing?

3. Why does the chapter end with a feeling of mystery?

Chapter 15

1. Why does Tom sneak away from Jackson Island?

2. How does Tom feel when he overhears Aunt Polly saying her prayers? What does he think of doing?
Chapter 16

1. How do the boys amuse themselves at Jackson Island?

2. What feelings begin to overtake the boys? What do they discuss doing?

3. Mark Twain describes the storm in beautiful language. How does he describe it? How does his description help you see and “feel” the storm?

Chapter 17

1. How have Becky’s feelings changed about Tom? What caused this change?

2. How do we know the townspeople and Aunt Polly’s true feelings about the boys?

3. What is funny about the description of the funeral?

Chapter 18

1. What is the “secret” that Tom told the boys that convinced them to stay on the island?

2. What does Becky’s friend, Alfred Temple, do to annoy Tom?

3. What does Alfred do to get Tom in trouble at school?
Chapter 19
1. Aunt Polly is upset about Tom’s dream. What dream is she talking about?

2. What does Aunt Polly find in Tom’s pocket? Why is it important?

Chapter 20
1. What has Becky done at school that will get her in trouble?

2. Why might the incident be a clue as to the mean attitude of the teacher?

3. How do Tom and Becky become friends again?

Chapter 21
1. What mood is the teacher in? Why is he so nervous?

2. What do the students do to get revenge against the teacher?

3. What vacation are the children ready for?
Chapter 22

1. Why does Tom join the Cadets of Temperance?

2. What promises does he make in order to be part of this group? Once he made the promises, what did he feel like doing? What is Twain saying about human nature?

3. How does Twain fell about the summer? What has happened to his friends?

Chapters 19–22
Write true or false on the line.

1. ____ Tom did write a note explaining his disappearance to Aunt Polly; however, he didn’t leave it for her.

2. ____ Aunt Polly wants to believe Tom meant to leave her a note.

3. ____ Mr. Dobbins wanted to be a doctor at one time.

4. ____ Alfred is responsible for the torn page in the anatomy book.

5. ____ Tom receives two spankings. He has earned both.

6. ____ As vacation time approaches, the demands at school decrease.

7. ____ Tom’s recitation of the “Give me liberty, or give me death” speech is great!

8. ____ Joe Harper removes Mr. Dobbin’s wig and reveals that his bald head has been painted gold.

9. ____ Tom is unable to remain a member of the Cadets of Temperance.

10. ____ Tom becomes ill with the measles.
Chapter 23

1. How do the boys feel about Muff Potter? What do they do to try and make him feel better?

2. Who saves Muff Potter's life at the trial?

3. What did Injun Joe do when the truth came out? Why do his actions worry Tom?

4. What does this chapter show you about Tom Sawyer's character?

Chapter 24

1. How does the town feel about Tom?

2. How do we know Tom is afraid of Injun Joe?

Chapter 25

1. What adventures are the boys going to undertake?

2. What will they do with the money if they find it? Why is Huck surprised at Tom and what he wants to do?

3. What is the "ha'nted" house like? What do the boys decide to do there?
Chapter 26

1. We see two other superstitions in this chapter. What are they?

2. What do Tom and Huck see when they are in the haunted house?

3. Who does the mysterious person turn out to be?

Chapter 27

1. What is Tom dreaming about? What is Huck dreaming about?

2. What is the sign of "number two"? What does the number refer to?

3. Who are the boys going to follow?

Chapter 28

1. What are the boys looking for?

2. Which one of the boys sees Injun Joe? Why doesn't Injun Joe say anything?
Chapters 26, 27 and 28

Read the list of causes and the list of effects. Write the letter of the correct effect on the line.

Causes

1. _____ Since the house looks ominous,........
2. _____ Because he wears a large hat, whiskers, long hair and goggles,........
3. _____ Since Injun Joe is determined to have revenge,........
4. _____ As a result of the floorboards creaking,........
5. _____ After the boys see a bag containing six hundred dollars,........
6. _____ Because of the fresh dirt on the pick Injun Joe used to retrieve the hidden treasure,........
7. _____ Due to the rotten timbers on the staircase,........
8. _____ When he realizes he may be Injun Joe’s intended “revenge” victim,........
9. _____ Because the houses in St. Petersburg do not have numbers,........
10. _____ Since he is the primary decision maker,........
11. _____ Because the weather remains clear and offers no protective covering,........
12. _____ Since the tavern door is unlocked,........
13. _____ Because the room contains a large number of bottles of whiskey,........
14. _____ Since Injun Joe has drunk so much whiskey,........
15. _____ Because of his fear of Injun Joe,........

Effects

A. the boys fear making a run for the house.
B. they are happier about being in the house.
C. the boys are unable to test an assortment of keys in the lock of the door.
D. Injun Joe suspects others are in the house.
E. the boys are reluctant to enter.
F. Tom concluded that “number two” must be a room in the tavern.
G. he delays leaving for Texas.
H. Tom and Huck remain undiscovered.
I. Tom nearly faints.
J. He sleeps soundly and does not hear Tom’s entrance.
K. Tom enters the room without effort.
L. The reader suspects the tavern owner does not support the temperance movement.
M. Tom is a stronger leader than Huck.
N. Tom runs from the room in a panic.
O. Injun Joe has not been recognized in town.
Chapter 29

1. Why does the beginning of this chapter have a change of mood for the reader?

2. What are Becky Thatcher’s plans for the day? How are they going to get where they are going?

3. What instructions does Mrs. Thatcher give Becky?

4. How does Tom change their plans? How do these details justify the oversight of the children’s absence later?

5. Where is Huck? What is happening to Injun Joe?

6. We again see revenge as a reason for an action. Why does Injun Joe want to hurt the Widow Douglas?

Chapter 30

1. Who are the Welshman and his sons? How do they treat Huck?

2. What do Aunt Polly and Mrs. Thatcher discover while attending church?

3. When do we see the Widow Douglas acting very kind and loving?
Chapter 31

1. Where are Tom and Becky? Why can’t they escape?

2. What does Tom use kite string for?

3. What do the children have to eat?

4. Who is Tom shocked to see in the cave?

5. How do you see Tom in the mature role?

Chapter 32

1. How does the village find out that Tom and Becky are found? What kind of celebration takes place?

2. How does Tom find an escape route?

3. At the end of the chapter, what news does Tom share with Judge Thatcher?
Chapter 33

1. How does Injun Joe die? Where is his body?

2. What feelings does Tom have towards the dead body of Injun Joe? What does this reveal about him?

3. Why are the townspeople gathered at the Widow's house?

Chapter 34

1. Why are the boys getting dressed up?

2. We see again the type of kid Sis is. What does he do?

3. What does the Widow offer Huck? How do you think he would feel about this offer?

4. What surprise do the boys have for the crowd at the house?
Chapter 35

1. How does the town react to the boys' good luck?

2. What is done with the boys' money? Who will take care of it for them?

3. How does Huck like living with the Widow?

4. What are the boys planning on doing for fun?

Conclusion
Mark Twain ends the books because it is the tale of a boy. If he continued to write, the boy would be a man. He tells us he may write about the same characters again some day. He pater wrote The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.