



6. What does the incident with the white washed fence tell you about Tom Sawyer? Discuss how this excerpt characterizes children. Do you agree with the characterization? Why or Why not?

7. What is Tom's career choice as opposed to being President of the U.S.? How does this help the reader characterize Tom?

8. What do Tom and Huck witness in the graveyard?

9. How does superstitions affect Tom Sawyer? Explain using examples to show your ideas.

10. How do Tom and Huck come back from the dead?

11. List two superstitions of the adults in the book.

12. How does Tom show "nobility" in school?

13. Relate the incident of the "gilded dome."

14. How do Huck and Tom help Muff Potter?

15. What was the “lair of Injun Joe?”

16. Why was the Widow Douglas threatened?

17. Defend the statement: Aunt Polly has done a competent job of raising Tom.

18. Give two quotes from the book where Aunt Polly doubts her ability to raise Tom.

19. How do Tom and Huck regain respectability at the end of the book? What happens to their newly acquired wealth?

Final Thoughts:

Describe one particularly humorous scene in Tom Sawyer. How did the author create humor in his story?

What do you see as the author’s purpose in writing this book? Why?

Mark Twain is believed to be one of the most observant writers of all time. Identify three things you learned about the historical period in which Tom lived. Explain each.

