**The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**

**Study Guide**

1. Be able to identify the following characters.
2. Tom Sawyer- main character, story is about his adventures, adventurous young boy, always getting into some sort of trouble, lives with Aunt Polly, lives in St. Petersburg.
3. Huckleberry Finn- Tom’s friend, doesn’t go to school, lives by himself, his father is the town drunk, trouble maker, saves the widow from Injun Joe so she adopts him.
4. Aunt Polly- Tom’s guardian, can’t stay mad at Tom, wants to punish him and teach him a lesson, but then feels bad afterward.
5. Sid- Tom’s half brother (littler). Likes to tattle on Tom to get him in trouble, spills the sugar bowl and then blames Tom for it.
6. Becky Thatcher- Tom’s “girlfriend,” Judge’s daughter, new in town at the beginning of the novel, gets lost in the cave with Tom, rips the teacher’s book but Tom takes the blame so she doesn’t get a whippin’, turns in all his tickets for a Bible at church to show off for her when she first arrives.
7. Joe Harper- Tom’s close friend. Goes on the pirate expedition when they are stuck on the island and the town thinks they are dead.
8. Mr. Dobbins- teacher, he wants to become a doctor, wears a wig that the kids pull off a school one day with their prank with the cat.
9. Injun Joe- main antagonist, criminal that Huck and Tom see digging up graves with Muff Potter and the doctor, kills the doctor, blames Muff, Tom testifies in court, Injun Joe runs away, hides the treasure, attempts to kill the widow, gets stuck in the cave and dies.
10. Muff Potter- Injun Joe’s accomplice and scapegoat for the murder, drunk, Tom brings him gifts in jail because he feels bad and finally testifies for him and gets him off the hook with the murder charge.
11. Widow Douglas- Injun Joe tries to kill her, Injun Joe hates her because her husband got him in trouble as vagrant and he wants revenge, adopts Huck at the end.
12. Welshman- neighbor of the widow who saves her from Injun Joe when Huck runs to get help.
13. How does Tom convince the boys to help him whitewash the fence?

Makes it look like fun, it’s a “special” privilege, they have to pay him for the opportunity to whitewash.

1. What are dead cat’s supposed to be good for?

to get rid of warts

1. Describe what happens at the graveyard.

Tom and Huck are bringing the cat to the graveyard to remedy warts, while there they see the doctor, Muff Potter, and Injun Joe, they are digging up bodies when they start fighting about getting paid more, Injun Joe knocks Muff out and then kills the doctor. He blames Muff Potter and Muff really thinks he did it himself.

1. The boys run away from home because they don’t feel loved and appreciated. What is it that makes Joe want to run away with them?

He was accused of drinking the cream.

1. Where do the townspeople think Tom, Joe, and Huck are?

dead, probably drowned in the river.

1. Why does Becky almost get a whipping? What happens instead?

She rips the teacher’s anatomy book. Tom takes the blame and gets the whipping himself.

1. Describe what happens at the trial.

Tom is called to the witness stand, he tells the truth about what happened in the graveyard, Injun Joe jumps up and escapes out the window.

1. What happens at the haunted house?

Tom and Huck are treasure hunting and think the haunted house is the most likely spot for treasure. While there Injun Joe and another man arrives and the boys hide upstairs. They are almost caught, but the steps collapse under Injun Joe’s weight saving them.

1. Why do they decide to follow Injun Joe after leaving the haunted house?

they want to find out where he hides his treasure. He says #2 under the cross. They think it must be a room at the tavern, but it turns out to be in the cave.

1. Describe Huck’s home life.

homeless, by choice. Dad is a drunk so Huck has raised himself. He is a wild boy who has no manners or civility.

1. When and why does Tom sneak out of his house?

Sneaks out of his house at night usually at midnight. Usually he is leaving to meet up with Huck.

1. What happens in the cave? BE SPECIFIC.

Tom and Becky leave the picnic and go exploring in the cave, the scare up the bats who chase them through the cave so they get lost, try to find their way out, but it is hopeless. Tom finds Injun in the cave, but doesn’t tell Becky because she is already frightened enough. Using the kite string, Tom tries different paths and finally sees the light at the end of the tunnel and they get out. The townspeople close off the cave’s entrance, which kills Injun Joe because he cannot escape.

1. What happens with Huck at the end of the novel? How long does he stay?

Adopted by the widow. Stays for 3 weeks he runs away because he can’t stand being “civilized.” Tom says he has to be civilized to be in his gang of robbers. Huck really wants to be in the gang, so he agrees to come back.