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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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Please print these questions. Do QUALITY work.

***Describe the characters**

1. Tom Sawyer-

2. Sid-

3. Huck Finn –

4. Aunt Polly –

5. Ben Rogers –

6. Joe Harper –

10. Doc Robinson-

7. Becky Thatcher –

11. Injun Joe-

8. Widow Douglas –

12. Muff Potter-

9. Judge Thatcher –

13. Pap-

*** Briefly define the terms of the time period ***

tar and feather, ride him on a rail, truck, corn pone, white alley, whitewashing,

Old Scratch, mark twain the river boat term, swag, pard, hearth

*** Define the Literary terms**

Setting:

Protagonist:

Antagonist:

internal conflict:

external conflict:

resolution:

Oxymoron:

Satire:

Dialect:

"Literary Present"

Literary works, paintings, films, and other artistic creations are assumed to exist in an eternal present.

Therefore, when writing about fictional events in a work of literature use the PRESENT TENSE. The Basic Rule: Use the "literary present" when discussing fictional events in a work of literature, but use the past tense when discussing historical events.

*Notice that all of the questions for the novel are in PRESENT TENSE. Please be sure to answer all of the questions in present tense. When answering these questions in present tense you are practicing the proper way to write and discuss literature and all works of art.

Directions: Make corrections for the following sentences. You may cross out the past tense verb and write the correct answer above it.

1. Tom's actions in the novel revealed that he was a lively and resourceful boy. For instance, he got his friends to do his work for him whitewashing the fence.
2. Mark Twain showed that kids can be superstitious through the character Hick Finn. For example, Huck Finn thought that spunk water could cure warts.
3. Becky Thatcher and Tom Sawyer almost died in McDougals Cave. After Tom and Becky found a way out of the cave, Judge Thatcher put an iron door and lock on the cave entrance.

***Comprehension questions:** Helpful for plot and character understanding. Use present tense verbs and be specific.

Chapter 1

1. Why does Tom live with his Aunt Polly?

2. How does Aunt Polly catch Tom for playing hooky?

3. What does Tom do to the new boy? Why?

4. Who is waiting for Tom when he climbs in the window late at night? _____

Chapter 2

5. What is Tom's Saturday job for punishment? _____

6. How does he escape doing his punishment? What does he do instead? Explain in complete sentences.

7. According to Twain, what is the difference between work and play? Quote: "...work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do, and play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do."

Chapter 3-5

8. What is Tom's reward for whitewashing the fence?

9. As Tom passes by Judge Thatcher's House, he sees a new girl in the garden for which he developed and instant liking. What does he do to get her attention? _____

10. What does a pupil get in Sunday school when he or she has ten yellow tickets? _____

11. The ten yellow tickets mean that the students has learned what/how many? _____

12. How does Tom get his ten yellow tickets? _____

13. Who asks Tom a question that reveals his deceitfulness? _____

14. What question does he/she ask Tom? What is Tom's answer? _____

15. What do Mark Twain's lines at the end of this chapter mean: "Let us draw a curtain of charity over the rest of the scene."

Chapter 6-7

16. Describe Huck Finn's daily life, how he looks and what he wears. See the description in the novel and be SPECIFIC. Write in complete sentences with the proper punctuation.

17. According to Tom and Huck, what are dead cats good for? _____

18. Why does Tom admit out loud that he is late for class because he "stopped to talk to Huckleberry Finn"?

19. What do Tom and Becky do at school during recess and after school that seals their relationship?

20. What blunder does Tom make during his engagement to Becky?

Chapter 9-10

21. Why do Tom and Huck go to the graveyard? _____

22. Besides Huck and Tom, who else is at the graveyard? _____

23. Who kills the doctor? How?

24. Who is framed for Doc Robinson's murder? How is this person framed? _____

25. Why do Tom and Huck decide to keep mum about the graveyard incident?

26. What oath do Tom and Huck swear to? How do they seal this oath?

Chapter 11-12

27. How does the reader know that Tom is burdened by knowing the truth of Doc Robinson's death?

28. Why does Tom bring things to Muff Potter in Jail? _____

29. Why do the villagers have a "strong desire" to tar and feather Injun Joe?

30. Why does Tom become so depressed and melancholy?

Chapter 13-14

31. Tom decides he is going to lead a "life of crime". What makes him want to do so?

32. Who joins Tom in his "life of crime"? _____

33. Where do they decide to go? _____

34. What do they decide/pretend to be as they set off on their adventure to leave the world behind?

35. How do the boys learn that the townspeople think they have drowned?

36. At the end of the chapter, Tom goes back to town. What does Tom do to let Huck and Joe know?

***Keep reading to the end of the novel. Answering these questions over the summer is meant to help you with comprehension of the first part of the novel. See you soon and I can't wait to hear your take on Tom and his friends.**