

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer: Short Questions

1. Write down the significance of Huck carrying a dead cat.

Huck is carrying a dead cat with the intention of taking it to the cemetery that night. He believes that Satan comes to the cemetery to gather the corpses of the evil persons. Huck thinks that his cat will follow Satan, as will Huck's warts. So, in order to cure his warts he practised this superstitious belief.

2. Where does Aunt Polly find Tom? What has Tom been eating that he wasn't supposed to eat?

Aunt Polly finds Tom in a closet. Tom was eating jam.

3. What is Tom's recent accomplishment? What does Polly give Tom as punishment?

He was learning to whistle. Tom was given the task of whitewashing the fence.

4. Who is Sid?

Sid is Tom's whiny half-brother, who also lives with Aunt Polly and Mary. He behaves well but enjoys getting Tom into trouble and tattles on Tom. He lies. He appears to be around nine years old. He annoys Tom frequently.

5. Comment on Aunt Polly.

Aunt Polly is Mary's mother and Tom and Sid's aunt. Tom and Sid live with aunt Polly. She does at first seem a bit controlling and abusive, but in spite of the relentless discipline and spiritual guidance she dispenses, she comes off as a caring, noble character. When Tom points out that nobody seems to care about Huck's being alive after they were both presumed dead, Aunt Polly generously gives her love to Huck as well, saying, "And so they shall. I'm glad to see him, poor motherless thing!" and the "loving attentions Aunt Polly lavished upon him were the one thing capable of making him more uncomfortable than he was before". In fact, the last impression we get of Aunt Polly is of a similar nature: "There was something about Aunt Polly's manner when she kissed Tom, that swept away his low spirits and made him lighthearted and happy again". She is a very bright woman and she cares about Tom, Sid, Mary and Huck. She always falls for Tom's pranks but is always able to laugh at herself when she realizes.

6. Who is Joe Harper?

Joseph "Joe" Harper one of Tom's best friends. He joins Tom and Huck as a pirate when they run away from home to Jacksons Island. He makes a few other small appearances in the novel, including playing Robin Hood in the woods and getting caught not paying attention in class with Tom, but he gradually disappears as the plot of the novel ensues. His mother is Sereny Harper and his sisters are Susan and Faith Harper. He is the first to get homesick while on the island with Tom and Huck.

7. What is the name of Huck's father? What happened to him?

Pap Finn is Huck's abusive, drunken father. Pap Finn leaves to search for him and doesn't return.

8. Who is Injun Joe?

Injun Joe is the primary antagonist in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. One night, Injun Joe, Dr. Robinson and Muff Potter are in the graveyard to steal a body from a grave for Dr. Robinson, but once Injun Joe and Muff Potter have exhumed the body, they demanded additional money from Dr. Robinson. Injun Joe reminds the doctor of an incident which he says he has not forgotten and then kills him. Injun Joe blames Muff Potter for the murder, but Tom and Huckleberry Finn witness

the murder, and at Muff Potter's trial, Tom Sawyer testifies that Injun Joe was the killer. Injun Joe runs from the courtroom, leaving Tom in fear of retribution. Eventually, Injun Joe is found dead behind a newly sealed cave entrance, having starved to death.

9. Comment on Jim's character.

Jim flees slavery with Huck, who was escaping his drunken father, but he may have chosen to accompany Huck out of mere boredom. Jim hopes to reach the free states and buy his family's freedom. He is polite and good-natured, and accompanies Huck throughout the story. At the end of the book, Tom reveals that his owner had died since they left home, and she had freed Jim in her will.

10. Who is Mr. Dobbins?

The hated schoolmaster at Tom's school, who has taken the job after failing to become a doctor. He is easily angered and is described as "short-tempered."

11. Who is Becky Thatcher?

Becky is Judge Thatcher's daughter, known for being Tom Sawyer's love interest. Her long blonde hair is always worn in braids. She wins Tom's love from the first moment he sees her. When she first encounters Tom, she gives him a purple pansy to show her love. She soon becomes engaged to him by swearing to love only him and sealing their engagement with a kiss. When he mentions that he used to be with Amy Lawrence, Becky believes he still loves Amy and gets angry at him. Tom wins her back by telling a lie.

12. Who is Benjamin or Ben Rogers?

Benjamin "Ben" Rogers is another child, Tom's age. In chapter 2, Tom convinces Ben to whitewash the fence for him. He gives Tom an apple to do so. Tom wants Ben to be in his crew of robbers.

13. Who is Muff Potter?

Muff Potter is a drunk friendly fisherman who loves children and is a close friend of Tom and Huck. He often mends the children's kites and helps them fish. Muff Potter is falsely accused of murdering Dr. Robinson at the beginning of the story. In fact, Injun Joe killed the Doctor and managed to convince Muff that he had committed the murder himself.

14. Who is Amy Lawrence?

Amy Lawrence is Tom's first love. Tom forgot her the moment he sees Becky Thatcher.

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