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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer: Study Guide

Directions: Write a brief description for the following characters. Use your book to help you. You will be asked about these characters on your test.

1. Huck Finn- _____

2. Mr. Dobbins- _____

3. Becky Thatcher- _____

4. Aunt Polly- _____

5. Muff Potter - _____

6. Amy Lawrence - _____

7. Mary- _____

8. Injun Joe- _____

9. Sid- _____

10. Judge Thatcher - _____

Interpreting Quotes: On a separate sheet of paper, explain the meaning of the following quotations from *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.

Chapter 1: “He’ll play hooky this evening, and I’ll just be obleeged to make him work tomorrow to punish him. It’s mighty hard to make him work Saturdays, when all the boys is having holiday, but he hates work more than he hates anything else, and I’ve GOT to do some of my duty by him, or I’ll be the ruination of the child.”

Chapter 2: “If he had been a great and wise philosopher, like the writer of this book, he would have comprehended that Work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do, and that Play consists of whatever is not obliged to do.”

Chapter 4: “The boys were all eaten up with envy—but those that suffered the bitterest pangs were those who perceived too late that they themselves had contributed to this hated splendor by trading tickets to Tom for the wealth he had amassed in selling whitewashing privileges. These despised themselves as being the dupes of a wily fraud, a guileful snake in the grass.”

Chapter 12: “One of the reasons why Tom’s mind had drifted away from its secret troubles was, that it had found a new bad weighty matter to interest itself about.”

Chapter 16: “But Joe’s spirits had gone down almost beyond resurrection.”

Chapter 22: “Now he found a new thing—namely, that to promise not to do a thing is the surest way in the world to make a body want to go and do that very thing.”

Chapter 30: “No, they ain’t dead, lad – we are sorry enough for that.”

Chapter 35: “... withersoever he [Huck Finn] turned, the bars and shackles of civilization shut him in and bound him hand and foot.”

Short Essay

Directions: Answer the following questions in one paragraph. Use your book to help you. You will be asked to answer two of these questions on your unit test.

1. Describe two pranks that Tom pulls at the beginning of the story.

2. Explain Mark Twain's use of irony throughout the novel.

3. Other than Tom, whom do you believe is the most interesting character in the book? Explain why. _____

4. Explain why you believe Tom's feelings change from fear to pity for Injun Joe. _____

Vocabulary: Write the definitions to the following words.

1. *perplexed*- _____

2. *sagacity*- _____

3. *derision*- _____

4. *ambuscade*- _____

5. *tranquil*- _____

6. *ostentation*- _____

7. *furtive*- _____

8. *frivolity*- _____

9. *stolid*- _____

10. *plausibility*- _____

11. *andiron*- _____

12. *formidable*- _____

13. *consternation*- _____

14. *avariciously*- _____

15. *valance*- _____

16. *succumb*- _____

17. *conjectured*- _____

18. *purloined*- _____

19. *perilous*- _____

20. *obliterated*- _____

****Long Essay: Be prepared to write at least five paragraphs on the following topic:**

Mark Twain uses satire throughout *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. What is satire and how does Twain use it to enhance his writing? Be sure to include text evidence to support your answer.