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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

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Note

The text used to prepare this guide was the Signet Classic softcover published by the Penguin Group. The novel was first published in 1876. The page references may differ in other editions.

Please note: Please assess the appropriateness of this book for the age level and maturity of your students prior to reading and discussing it with your class.

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Chapter 16:

1. What new activities do the boys come up with?
2. How does Tom keep the homesick boys from going home?
3. What does Huck teach the other boys to do?
4. Why do Joe and Tom say that they have to search for Joe's knife—and then disappear?
5. What do the boys find when they return to the "camp" after the storm?
6. Why do the boys smoke a "peace pipe"? Why does it make them so happy?

Chapter 17:

1. How do the people of St. Petersburg seem to feel about the boys' absence? Why do they think the boys are dead?
2. What is the funeral service like?
3. When do the boys return? How are they treated?

Chapter 18:

1. How does Tom convince Aunt Polly that dreams can hold the truth?
2. How do most of the kids at school treat Tom after his return from the island?
3. How do Tom and Becky try to make each other jealous. Do they succeed?
4. Why does Alfred want to get Tom into trouble? How does he manage that?

Chapter 19:

1. Why is Aunt Polly so angry with Tom after she talks with Sereny Harper about Tom's dream?
2. Why is Aunt Polly so happy after checking Tom's jacket pocket?

Chapter 20:

1. Why does Tom get whipped by Mr. Dobbins? Who could have prevented the whipping?
2. Why does Becky almost get in trouble with Mr. Dobbins? How does she stay out of trouble?
3. Is Becky still angry with Tom? Is Tom still angry with Becky?
4. Why is Tom plotting vengeance against Alfred? What sort of revenge do you suppose he is planning?

Name _____

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Activity #4: Vocabulary
Chapters 5-8

seductive 38
laggards 39
discourse 42
adherent 46
hove 49
juncture 52
zephyr 60
zenith 61

hospitable 38
restive 40
facetious 42
disdain 46
manifest 51
ostentation 53
constrained 61
incantation 62

vestibule 38
millenium 41
odious 43
pariah 46
noncomittal 51
repulsed 58
insensibly 61
pettish 62

gantlet 38 (gauntlet)
vagrant 41
mortified 45
hogsheads 46
portentous 52
andiron 59
grisly 61
cogitating 62

Directions: Divide the words above among the members of your group or class. Turn to the pages on which your words appear in the novel. After examining how each word is used in context, complete a word map for it using the format below. (You may need extra paper to make more maps.) Explain your finished maps to class members.

Synonyms	Sketch or Magazine Cut-out
Word:	
Definition in Your Own Words	Sentence Using the Word

Name _____

Directions: Tom had to decide whether or not to testify at Muff Potter's trial that he had seen Injun Joe kill Doc Robinson. Help him weigh the pros and cons of testifying.



Now list two other options he had, summarizing the pros and cons:

1.

2.

Write an essay explaining why he reached the decision he did and why it was (or was not) the best decision, in your opinion.

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Activity #17: **Creative Written Response**
Use After Reading

Directions: Talk with other members of your group about what an adventure is. What adventures did Tom and his friends have? Which were real? Which were imaginary? Which ones involved keeping secrets from adults?

Now think about adventures that you have had with your best friends. Did any involve running away from home or going to a secret place? Which ones will you remember forever, and why? In the space below and on the back of your paper, describe one of the most memorable adventures you have had with friends. Display your group's essays on a bulletin board entitled "Beyond the Adventures of Tom Sawyer."



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