



Tom Sawyer Writing Activities

1. Just suppose you were Huck Finn or Tom Sawyer and had witnessed the fight in the cemetery. What three important things would you do immediately? Be specific and give reasons for each idea.
2. The discovery of the treasure was a key element in this story. It showed the greed of River Joe, caused the death of Doc Robinson, the arrest of Muff Potter, and the disappearance of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer. If these events had taken place in 2003 instead of 1840, what do you think would have happened to River Joe, Muff Potter, Huck and Tom? How would the story have changed, if at all? Include details that help clarify your answer.
3. *Let's imagine* you are the local circuit court judge and must determine the future of the treasure. Do you think Huck, Tom, and Becky should be entitled to the treasure, or does it rightfully belong to someone else? Explain your answer.
4. How would the story have changed if a storm had suddenly occurred and prevented Huck and Tom from sighting the steamboat or returning to town? Rewrite the ending of the story based on this new information.
5. What might have happened if the crowd had heard Huck's response to River Joe's statement that Muff Potter had killed Doc Robinson?
6. Words such as "rascal, rambunctious, and mischievous" were used to describe Huck Finn. Do these words still apply, or do you believe Huck Finn changed in any way during the story? Tell how, when, and why. Give some specific examples to support your response.