

always manages to get his way. Tom is an orphan and lives with his half-brother Sid, his cousin Mary, and his stern Aunt Polly, in Missouri is the son of Aunt Polly's dead sister.

The main theme of 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer' is the joys of childhood when the world is full of wonders and children are free of the heavy responsibilities of adulthood. Mark Twain was writing about his own boyhood, growing up in the small town of Hannibal, Missouri, right on the edge of the great Mississippi river.

### GET GOING

A. 2. What task had Tom been giving on Saturday morning?

Tom had been asked to whitewash 30 yards of board/fence on Saturday morning.

3. How did Aunt Polly react when she saw Jim ~~and~~ with Tom?

Aunt Polly was very angry and charged

towards Jim and Tom with a slipper in her hand.

4. Describes Tom's state of mind before he had ~~to~~ the 'inspiration'.

Tom almost lost hope and gave up the idea of buying the boys before he <sup>had</sup> ~~had~~ the inspiration.

5. Why was Tom dreading that his friends would see him whitewash?

Tom was dreading being seen whitewashing by his friends as they would jeer at him for being stuck with such a boring task while they were roaming freely.

6. How did Tom convince Ben that whitewashing was an important and interesting work?

Tom made it a point to go about whitewashing the fence ~~was~~ with a lot of enthusiasm and fondness that Ben became interested in it. He further recaptured that Aunt Polly had

trusted him with the job as it was an important task. This was how Tom convinced Ben that whitewashing was an important and ~~into~~ interesting work.

B. 1. ".... They come to jeer, but remained to whitewash." Explain context of this sentence in your own words.

This means that Tom's friends came to make fun of him seeing him ~~busy~~ busy whitewashing but they themselves whitewashing the fence.

2. Write a brief description of Tom's character.

Tom is a naughty, but witty boy. He lives with his Aunt Polly. He loves to play and have fun. In the story Tom manages to lure his friends into doing the work that was assigned to him. This proves that he is also extremely shrewd. Not only does he convince them that whitewashing the fence is a pleasurable task but also collects many small rewards in exchange for

letting them do the task.

C.1 Tom got his friends to whitewash for him. Do you think what he did was justified? Would you have fallen for his trick? Why?

Although Tom tricked his friends into doing the chore that was assigned to him, he does not use force ~~doing~~ while doing so. As he does not cause any harm to anyone in the process and merely used his intellect to get out of doing the work, what he did can be justified. I too would have fallen for his trick because Tom is very manipulative and gives undeniable offers.

2. Imagine you are Ben Rogers. You realize later that Tom made a fool out of you. What would you do? What would you say to Tom?

If I were Ben Rogers, I would be very angry. I would try to get back at Tom and make a fool out

of him in some other way.

## WRITING JUNCTION

Imagine you are Tom. You want to arrange another party for your friends, but this time you want to do it the right way. Write an invitation card for the party.

I am celebrating my birthday at my house, and I would be overjoyed to have you there to make the occasion more special and warm.

Date & Time: 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 6:00 PM

Venue: 292, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru

Dress code: Harry Potter theme

Hope to see you there soon

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