



# The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn



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## What Do *You* Think? Questions for Discussion



**H**ave you ever been around a toddler who keeps asking the question “Why?” Does your teacher call on you in class with questions from your homework? Do your parents ask you questions about your day at the dinner table? We are always surrounded by questions that need a specific response. But is it possible to have a question with no right answer?

The following questions are about the book you just read. But this is not a quiz! They are designed to help you look at the people, places,

and events in the story from different angles. These questions do not have specific answers. Instead, they might make you think of the story in a completely new way.

Think carefully about each question and enjoy discovering more about this classic story.

1. Throughout the book, Huck is forced to pretend to be many other people. Have you ever pretended to be someone else? Who?

2. When Tom comes for Huck, he signals to him by meowing. Why do you think they picked this sound? Have you and your friends ever had a secret sound or password that only you knew?

3. Huck finally escapes from his father by tricking everyone into thinking he has died. Were you surprised by his plan? Have you ever tricked anyone into believing something that wasn't true?

4. Huck and Jim have different reasons for running away. Do you think one is more

important than the other? Have you ever tried to run away?

5. Huck says there is “no home like a raft.” Do you agree? If you could live anywhere, where would you pick?

6. Were you surprised that Miss Sophia ran off with Harney Shepherdson? Do you think Huck should have told someone about the note in the Bible? Have you ever kept a secret with disastrous results?

7. Huck has a strong sense of responsibility. Why do you think he felt responsible for the battle between the Shepherdsons and the Grangerfords? Have you ever felt responsible for something that wasn't your fault?

8. Huck mentions that the king and the duke will be tarred and feathered as a punishment. What do you think this means? What is the worst punishment you ever received?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

9. Huck seems to live by his own code. What do you think his code is? Do you have a code that you live by?

10. Who do you think is smarter: Tom or Huck? Who do you think is more practical? Which of these characters are you more like?