



# The Adventures of Tom Sawyer



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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 at the dinner table about your day? 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. Tom hates doing chores. Which of your own chores is your least favorite to do?

2. Tom explained that “to make a boy want something, all you had to do was make that something hard to get.” Do you believe this is true?

3. Tom and Huck talk a lot about superstitions and spells. Do you believe in such things?

4. Tom tries all sorts of strange ways to make Becky notice him. Have you ever tried to get someone’s attention in an unusual way? How did it turn out?

5. Were you surprised to find out that the boys and girls in Tom’s class sat on separate sides of the

room? Would you prefer your class to be divided like this?

6. Tom daydreams of being a brave pirate on the seas. What do you dream about?

7. Where would you rather be: wandering in a graveyard after dark or exploring in a cave full of bats?

8. When Becky tears the teacher's book, Tom takes the responsibility for it. Why does he do this? Have you ever taken the punishment for something you didn't do?

9. Tom and Becky find themselves lost in a cave as their last candle burns away. What would you do in that situation? Would you be calm, or would you panic? What plan would you come up with?

10. What would you do if you found a sack of gold like Tom and Huck did?