Reading Comprehension Questions – *Huckleberry Finn*, chapters 32-34

These questions are not intended as a study guide, but as a way to focus your attention on some salient points of the story. You should also make notes about your own observations and questions.

**Chapter 32:**

1. When Huck arrives at the Phelps plantation, he gets mistaken for someone; who does that someone turn out to be?

Tom Sawyer

2. When Huck hears a steamboat coming, why does he think that he has to meet it?

To see if the actual Tom is there

**Chapter 33:**

1. When Tom first sees Huck, what does he think?

He's a ghost

2. When Tom tells Huck that he will help him to "steal" Jim, what is Huck's reaction?

That Tom is a bad person for wanting to “steal” Jim

3. At the Phelps plantation, Tom at first pretends to be a stranger named William Thompson. What does he do that shocks Aunt Sally?

Kisses her

4. After Aunt's Sally's shock, who does Tom finally pretend to be?

Sid Sawyer

5. Huck and Tom sneak out of the Phelps house at night; where are they going and why?

To let the King and the Duke know that the townspeople know about the royal nonesuch

6. What happens to the king and the duke? How does Huck feel about it?

They're tarred and feathered. Huck feels that it's terrible what people do to each other.

**Chapter 34:**

1. Why doesn't Tom like Huck's plan for freeing Jim?

It's too simple

2. What method does Tom settle on for getting Jim out of the hut?

Dig him out

3. Tom and Huck go into the hut when Jim is being brought his food; Jim calls out to them at first, but then they pretend not to know each other. How does the man who brought the food explain the situation to himself?

Witches messing with his head

4. What does Tom whisper to Jim just before he and Huck leave?

They're gonna dig him, and that Jim doesn't know them.