Reading Comprehension Questions – *Huckleberry Finn*, chapters 22-25

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 22:**

1. Why doesn't Sherburn get lynched by the mob?

He calls the mob cowards.

2. How does Huck get in to the circus?

He sneaks in under the tent

3. What does Huck think about the act where the apparently drunk man from the audience comes in and rides a horse?

He feels tricked

4. How does the duke's Shakespeare performance go? What change does the duke make to the handbills to bring in customers?

Terribly. He makes the play lower comedy. The line “Ladies and Children not admitted.”

**Chapter 23:**

1. What does the new act of the duke and king ("The Royal Nonesuch") consist of? How does the audience react to it?

Nothing. They hate it

2. On the third night of the show, what does the audience bring? How have the duke and the king outsmarted them?

They ran away

3. What does Jim think of the king and the duke? How does Huck respond to Jim's doubts?

Jim thinks the King and the duke are low lifes, and so are all kings and dukes, but Huck just brings up more a bunch of examples.

4. Jim tells Huck a story about his daughter 'Lizabeth, and how he treated her badly once. What had happened to her (as a result of scarlet fever) that made her seem to be disobedient to Jim?

She became deaf

**Chapter 24:**

1. What plan does the duke come up with so that Jim doesn't have to be tied up while the others are gone from the raft? Why are they tying Jim up in the first place?

Paint him blue and give him a costume

2. The king and Huck get dressed in their "store clothes" to go to a village so the king can develop a scam. The king decides to arrive on a steamboat and pretend he has come down from a big city. They pick up a young man who is going to New Orleans. What useful information does the king pick up from the young man?

A wealthy man nearby has recently died.

3. When the king and the duke arrive in the town on the riverboat, what do they pretend?

They pretend the dead man is their brother

**Chapter 25:**

1. What does Huck think of Mary Jane?

She's beautiful

2. What physical deformity does Joanna have that Huck uses to identify her?

She has a hare-lip

3. When the money that Peter Wilks has hidden in the cellar turns out to be four hundred and fifteen dollars short, what do the king and the duke decide to do?

They add some of their own money to the pile

4. What mistaken word does the king use when talking about Peter's funeral, to the point where the duke passes him a note to correct him?

Orgies → Obsequies

5. What does Dr. Robinson think of the king's claim to be Peter's Wilks' brother from England?

He's a fraud

6. How does Mary Jane react to Dr. Robinson's warning?

Asks the king and duke to invest the money for the daughters