Reading Comprehension Questions – *Huckleberry Finn*, chapters 29-31

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 29:**

1. Why can't the real brothers of Peter Wilks immediately prove their identity?

Their baggage got left in the last town

2. What does the doctor suggest doing with the money until it can be determined who are the real brothers?

He'll keep it until the real brothers are determined

3. What does Levi Bell, the lawyer, think about Huck's lies about being from Sheffield?

Huck is an awkward liar

4. What test does Levi Bell come up with to prove the identity of the real brothers? Why is the test not conclusive?

Handwriting test, but the brother that writes the letter has a broken arm.

5. What test is suggested by the real Harvey Wilks (the new old gentleman)? The men who prepared Peter's body for burial can't settle the question, so what does the lawyer say they must do?

Dig up the body and examine the tatto

6. When the bag of gold is discovered, what does Huck do?

Run

7. Huck and Jim set off on the raft, but what happens then that makes Huck almost cry?

The kind and the duke are after them

**Chapter 30:**

1. When the king accuses Huck of trying to run out on them, what does the Duke say?

The Kind would've done exactly how Huck said he did.

2. What do the king and duke get into a fight about?

They each think the other hid the money

3. How do the king and the duke reconcile?

The duke confesses, and then they get drunk

**Chapter 31:**

1. The king and the duke wait for days before they think it’s safe to start working some scams again, which don’t work very well. What do Huck and Jim think they might be up to then?

crime

2. When the king and the duke get into another argument, Huck sees a chance to escape; but when he gets back to the raft, what does he discover?

Jim was captured

3. What does Huck think that this misfortune is a sign of?

God punishing him for stealing Jim

4. What is in the note that Huck writes to Miss Watson, and why does he tear it up?

He feels a strong connection to and sympathy for Jim

5. What is the duke doing when Huck meets up with him again?

6. The duke blames the king for selling Jim; where does he say that Jim has gone? Why does he tell Huck that story?

A farm 40 miles away, so the Kind and the Duke can leave Huck behind

7. What information does the duke let slip that suggests the king was not alone in the plan to sell Jim?

The real name of the farmer