

THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER BY MARK TWAIN

CHAPTER 17

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. Describe the mood of people in the town.

The town people were in a sombre mood and mourned for the young boys. Aunt Polly experienced emotional turmoil as she was not able to deal with the loss.

2. Where had the town people gather and why ?

On Sunday, the town people had gathered at the church to mourn for the young boys. They express their condolences by praying for them.

LONG QUESTION:

1. Describe the scene at the funeral service.

At the funeral , while the father was delivering a sermon, Tom Sawyer and his friends walked in and the townspeople were astonished and appalled. Aunt Polly was very happy to discover that Tom was alive. She hugged Tom and embraced Huck Finn. The minister lead the congregation with hymns of praise. For the entire day, Tom received more "cuffs and kisses" than he had ever received.

CHAPTER 18

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. Bring out the changes in Aunt Polly's character after Tom returns. Aunt Polly shows her love towards Tom while sending him to school. She also enquires about Tom's dream. We see that her heart is brimming with care and compassion for Tom.

2. What had changed at school after Tom returned from Jackson Island? After his return from Jackson Island, Tom was seen as a heroic figure. People treated him with a lot of respect and regard. He shared details about adventurous events and some boys envied him for the same.

LONG QUESTION:

1. What did Tom do to make Becky jealous and how did she react ? Tom was happy to see the admiration for him and enjoyed his limelight at school. He ignored Becky and struck up a conversation with Amy Lawrence. He does this deliberately to seek attention. This made Becky feel unhappy and she started talking to Alfred Temple. Tom could not see Becky enjoying Alfred's company. This made Tom feel insecure and he left.

CHAPTER 19

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. Why is Aunt Polly upset with Tom?

Aunt Polly is upset with Tom as she discovered that Tom had put up a facade. He had actually visited home on Wednesday night to drop a note for her. She was upset as Tom had not been honest.

2. What did Tom do when Aunt Polly discovered the truth?

Tom felt guilty and apologized for his mistake. He told Aunt Polly that he wanted to give her a piece of bark.

LONG QUESTION:

1. What did Aunt Polly discover after Tom left for school?

Aunt Polly was astounded to know about the note and she opened the closet to check his clothes. She discovered a piece of bark in Tom's jacket with Tom's handwriting over it. Her eyes were moist when she read the message. She felt emotional and was willing to forgive the boy. She experienced a surge of emotions. The note restored Aunt Polly's faith in Tom.

CHAPTER 20

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. Who is Mr. Dobbins?

Mr. Dobbins is the schoolmaster. He is depicted as a stern man who believes in the

idea of stringent norms and discipline.

2.What happens to Mr. Dobbins book ?

Mr Dobbin had kept his book in his secret drawer. Becky had picked up the book and accidentally torn it when she was interrupted by Tom. Later she fears the repercussions of the act.

LONG QUESTION:

1.How does Tom help Becky ?

Mr Dobbin discovered the torn book and asked about the details. When he questioned Becky Thatcher, she turned her head away, and when Mr. Dobbins ordered her to look at him, Tom says , "I done it."Tom takes the blame on himself as he accepts that it was his mistake.As a result Tom had to bear the punishment for his act. He again becomes the heroic figure for Becky .

CHAPTER 21

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1.Bring out the changes in Mr. Dobbins temperament?

Mr Dobbins had become very rigorous. His lashing grew severe and the boys wanted to seek revenge for the same.

2.What did the students prepare for the examination evening?

The students recited poems and speeches .Tom also shared his speech but forgot it half way. There were reading and spelling exercises and Latin recitation.

LONG QUESTION:

1.How did the boys seek their revenge on Mr Dobbins ?

The boys decide to seek revenge for the way they have been treated .They create a plan to be executed in the class. During the Geography class a cat was suspended above Mr.Dobbin's head . The cat pounced on the schoolmaster and grabbed his wig in her claws.This was embarrassing for the schoolmaster as he was humiliated.The students created a mockery and were successful in seeking revenge.

CHAPTER 22

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1.How does Tom keep himself occupied during the vacation?

Tom joins a new band called ‘ Cadets of Temperance’, starts writing a diary, creates a musical band, plays circus and attends various parties.

2.What are the various vows that Tom plans to keep? Is he successful? He vows not to drink or swear. He is not able to abstain from these vices and he reverts to his old lifestyle.

LONG QUESTION:

1.What are the various challenges Tom encounters?

Becky leaves the town to live with her parents.Tom is haunted by the secret of Dr Robinson’s murder.Tom suffers from measles and after recovering he discovers that his friends are also going through religious revival.Later Tom is sick with relapse of the measles.During this time Tom experiences boredom and isolation .

CHAPTER 23

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. Why did the town people gather at the court?

The town people had gathered at the court as it was the day of the trial for the murder of Dr Robinson.

2. Why did Tom and Huck visit the prison?

They visited the prison to meet Muff Potter who was falsely accused of Dr Robinson’s murder.

LONG QUESTION:

1. How did Tom exhibit courage during the trial?

Tom mustered the courage to speak the truth and testify against Injun Joe. During the trial he took the oath and recounted the event at the graveyard where Injun Joe had murdered Dr. Robinson by using Muff Potter’s knife.Tom was scared about the fatal consequences of his actions. After he revealed the truth ,Injun Joe jumped out of the window and town people discovered the truth .

CHAPTER 24

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. How did the town people react after the courtroom scene?

The town people embraced and fondled Muff Potter as lavishly as they had abused him earlier.

2. What efforts were made to locate Injun Joe?

A detective was brought out to St. Petersburg all the way from St. Louis, but even he couldn't manage to find Injun Joe.

LONG QUESTION:

1. Why were Huck and Tom still terrified?

During the nights after the trial, Tom was plagued by fear that Injun Joe, whose whereabouts were unknown, would come trying to kill him. Huck was also scared and depressed, because he didn't know whether Injun Joe had figured out that he too was present in the graveyard that night.

CHAPTER 25

SHORT QUESTIONS:

1. How did the idea of the hidden treasure come about?

Tom suddenly felt the urge to go somewhere and dig for hidden treasure. When he couldn't find Joe Harper and Ben Rogers, he decided to recruit Huck Finn for the task.

2. How did the two decide to spend the money?

Huck would have pie and soda every day and go to as many circuses as possible. Tom said he would buy a drum, a sword, a necktie, and a puppy, and get married.

LONG QUESTION:

1. Describe their efforts to locate the treasure.

Tom got the urge to go and hunt for buried treasure. He recruited Huck to help him, who agreed to do so. Tom then explained to Huck that in order to discover treasure they

must first find a treasure map by digging around haunted old houses and dead trees. Huck expressed dismay at all of the hard work involved, but Tom said that great rewards could only be earned through hard work, and convinced Huck to persevere with promises of enormous wealth.

They set to work digging under a dead tree on the hill by Still-House branch. As they dig, they imagined what they might do with the treasure. They continued digging, with no success. Eventually Tom realized the problem was that they needed to dig at midnight, under the shadow of a dead tree limb. They planned to meet again that night.