Tom Sawyer lives with his aunt Polly and his half brother sid.He tskips school to swim and is made to white wash the fence the next day as punishment.he cleverly persuades his friends to trade him small treasures for theb privilege of doing his work. He then trades the treasures for Sunday school tickets which one normally receives for memorizing verses consistently ,redeeming them from Bible much to the surprise and bewilderment of the superintendent who thought it was simply preposterousb that his boy has warehoused two thousand sheaves of scriptural wisdom on his premises -m a dozen would strain his capacity ,with out adoubt