Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunty Polly and his half-brother   
Sid. He skips school to swim and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punishment. He cleverly persuades his friends to trsade him small treasures for the privilege of doing his homework. He then trades the treasures for Sunday School tickets which one normally reeiceves for memeorizing verses consisntelt, redeeming them for a bible, much to surprise and bewilderment of the superintendent who thought “it was simply preposterous that this boy had warehoused two thousand sheaves of scriptural wisdom on his remises- a dozen would strain his capacity, wiohtout a doubt.”

Tom falls in lo0ve with Becky   
thatcher, a new girl in town, and persuades her to get “enganged” by kissing him. But their romance collapses when sheleanrs tom has been “enganged” previously to Amy Lawrence. Shortly after Becky shuns him, he accomplanies Huckleberry Finn to the graveyard at night, where they