

STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS FOR THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN

CHAPTERS I-VIII

- 1. With whom does Huck live? Does he have any living relatives? If so, who?**
- 2. What are three of the superstitions of this time period?**
- 3. Why did Huck go back to the place where he was living?**
- 4. Who is Jim? What views of religion are presented to Huck? Who presents these views?**
- 5. Who is in the gang of robbers? Who does Huck offer up as a sacrifice if he violates the oath of the gang? What eventually happens to the gang?**
- 6. What does Judge Thatcher hold for Huck? What does Huck want the judge to do with this item? Why?**
- 7. What sort of man is Pap? What kind of relationship does Huck have with Pap? What does Pap say to Huck? How does Pap feel about education?**
- 8. Why does Pap kidnap Huck? Where does he take Huck? How does Huck get away?**
- 9. Where does Huck go when he escapes? What is the significance of the ferry boat, the cannon and the quicksilver?**
- 10. Who does Huck encounter on the island? How did he know that someone was on the island? What is this person's reaction to Huck? Why is this person there?**

CHAPTERS IX-XI

- 1. Where did Huck and Jim go to live? Why was it fortunate that they went there?**
- 2. What goes floating past them? When they investigate this item, name at least five things they found there, including four that they take with them.**
- 3. What does Huck touch that Jim feels is bad luck? What practical joke does Huck play on Jim? How does this joke backfire?**

4. Why does Huck decide to go ashore? What information does he find out about himself and Jim?
5. One of the constants of the novel is Huck telling stories. What story does he tell when he goes ashore?
6. Huck has really changed his priorities since he met up with Jim. What does he say at the end of Chapter XI that proves this?
7. List three examples of superstition that you encountered.

CHAPTERS XII-XVI

1. How does Jim improve the raft after they escape the island?
2. When Jim and Huck enter the stranded steamboat, what do they find? When Huck returns to the raft to escape, what does he find? How do Huck and Jim escape?
3. Why does Huck believe that the Widow Douglas would be proud of him after the adventure on the steamboat?
4. When Jim and Huck are close to Cairo, they have a misadventure. What is the misadventure and what trick does Huck play on Jim? How does Jim react?
5. After playing this trick and then telling the truth, how does Huck feel? What does he do?
6. As Jim gets closer to his freedom, how does Huck feel? What does he decide to do when he goes ashore to see where they are? What changes his mind?
7. What story does Huck tell to save Jim? What does he receive from the two men?
8. What happens to the raft? Where does Huck end up? Who greets him on the shore?

CHAPTERS XVII-XX

1. How is Huck received? What story does he give to explain his arrival?
2. Huck cannot remember the name he used for himself. How does he find out his name?

3. **What is the story with the Grangerfords and Sheperdsons? How long have they been feuding?**
4. **How does Huck get involved in the feud? What happens to his hosts? How does Huck feel about all that happened?**
5. **Who is Huck reunited with? What has Jim done with the raft? Who does Huck encounter when he is off in the canoe?**
6. **How does Huck explain Jim's presence on the raft? What do the two men do when they go ashore?**

CHAPTERS XXI-XXX

1. **What production do the King and Duke plan to put on?**
2. **Who is Boggs and how does he impact Huck?**
3. **How is the show received? What do the people do to get others to come see it?**
4. **What does Jim tell Huck about his daughter? How does this change Huck's view of Jim?**
5. **Who does Huck and the King encounter when they are out in the canoe? How does the King take advantage of this meeting? How does Huck feel about this plan?**
6. **Who are the members of the Wilks family? Why are the King and Duke accepted as members of the family?**
7. **What do the "brothers" decide to do with the money? How does this win the girls over?**
8. **Is the doctor fooled? How do the girls react to the doctor?**
9. **What does Huck decide to do? Is he totally successful? Why or why not?**
10. **What do the Duke and King do to try to raise more money? Why does this upset Mary Jane? How does Huck make her feel better?**
11. **Who arrives to confuse things? How do the townspeople finally decide to tell which pair was telling the truth? What do they discover at the same time? What does Huck do?**

12. As Huck and Jim are leaving, who arrives in the canoe? Who does the Duke and King blame for putting the gold in the coffin?

CHAPTERS XXXI-CHAPTER THE LAST

1. After being on the run for several days, the King and Duke allow Huck to land and the raft. What happens to Jim when they land?
2. Why does Huck think of writing Miss Watson? What happens when Huck tries to pray? What does Huck decide to commit himself to?
3. When Huck arrives at the Phelps' plantation, who is it that the Phelps' think he is? How does Huck find out who he is thought to be? Why is this good news for Huck?
4. When Huck goes to retrieve his luggage, what person does he meet? How does this person react to Huck? When Huck tells this person his plan, how does he react? Why does this surprise Huck?
5. After Huck returns to the plantation, who does this person claim to be when he arrives? What trick does he play on Aunt Sally? Who does he say he is then?
6. What do the boys find has happened to the King and the Duke? How does Huck feel about this?
7. How does Tom feel about Huck's plan to free Jim? What happens to Huck when he is back with Tom?
8. What does Tom base his plans to free Jim on? Give some of the highlights of this plan.
9. How do the boys explain unexplainable events to Nat, the slave?
10. Why do the boys write a letter to the Phelps family?
11. What happens on the night of the great escape? How are the boys detected? What has happened to Tom?
12. What do Jim and Huck decide to do? Who does Huck run into while in town? Why does he go back to the plantation? What does this prove about Huck?
13. As a letter from Aunt Polly arrives, who else arrives? How do the people feel about Jim? Who gets them to change their minds?

- 14. How does Aunt Sally learn about their plans to free Jim? What ironic thing does Tom tell Huck about Jim?**
- 15. Who arrives to clear up the identities of the boys? What explanation does Tom give for planning the adventure despite his inside knowledge?**
- 16. What does Tom give to Jim? Why does Huck believe he cannot take part in any more adventures? What does Jim tell him about the floating house?**