



Colorado Book Club Resource

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE ADVENTURES OF TOM SAWYER BY MARK TWAIN

1. Tom Sawyer is often seen as the quintessential mischievous boy. How does his character develop throughout the novel?
2. How do Tom's friendships with Huck Finn and Joe Harper shape his adventures and decisions?
3. What role does Becky Thatcher play in the novel? How does her relationship with Tom evolve?
4. In what ways does Aunt Polly serve as a parental figure for Tom? How does she balance discipline and affection?
5. How does Mark Twain portray childhood in the novel? Do you think his depiction is still relevant today?
6. How does Tom use his imagination to transform everyday situations into grand adventures?
7. What does the treasure hunt symbolize in Tom's journey?
8. How do Tom's adventures on Jackson's Island reflect his desire for freedom?
9. How does Twain critique adult society and authority figures through Tom's experiences?
10. What moral lessons does Tom learn by the end of the novel?
11. Twain often contrasts the innocence of childhood with the expectations of adulthood. Where do you see this contrast in the novel?
12. Twain is known for his humor and satire. Which moments in the novel do you find the funniest or most ironic?
13. How does Twain use humor to make serious points about society and human nature?
14. The Mississippi River is a central part of the novel. What does it symbolize for Tom and his friends?
15. How does Twain's portrayal of small-town life reflect the values and limitations of 19th-century America?
16. How does *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* compare to *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* in terms of themes and tone?



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17. Were there any moments in the book where you strongly related to Tom? Why?
18. If you could change one part of the story, what would it be and why?

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