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Mrs. Spohn
Huck Finn Study Guide
Part One

Students are required to have Part One due the first full day of school. Part Two and Three will be assigned later. They may, of course, work ahead.

Type your answers to the following questions on a separate sheet. Make sure they are detailed. Go back to the book for specific information. Incorporate the question into the answer.

Ch. 1

1. What other novel has Huck appeared in?
2. What good fortune did Huck and his friend, Tom fall into?
3. What is a stretcher?
4. Who has custody of Huck?
5. Describe his life and specifically what he dislikes about being civilized.
6. Why does Huck prefer the bad place to the good place?
7. It is evident that the characters are very superstitious. Provide examples from not only chapter 1 but the early part of the book.
8. What signal does Tom use to get Huck's attention?

Ch 2

1. What happens when Huck tries to be quiet around Jim?
2. What is unusual about the situation in which Tom takes the candles from Widow Douglas?
3. When Jim wakes up, what does he believe has happened and how does his hat get on the limb?
4. What was the purpose of the escape with Tom and the boys?
5. What solution do the boys come to about Huck's lack of family?
6. According to Tom, what was the difference between robbery and burglary?
7. What is the "slight" problem with the ransom plan?

Ch 3

1. What is Huck's attitude toward praying?
2. Describe Huck's relationship with his father? Is he still alive?
3. Why does Huck resign from the Band?

4. What differences can you see between Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer?

Ch 4

1. Is Huck a good math student? Explain your answer.
2. What clue sends Huck to Judge Thatcher and why?
3. Huck goes to Jim for advice. How does Jim provide it?
4. How does the reader know that Jim is smarter than he looks? (Pay attention to the information he gives Huck)

Ch 5

1. Describe Pap.
2. Why is Pap so irritated with Huck?
3. Why has Pap returned?
4. What was the new judge's attitude toward Pap?
5. What happened in the new judge's attempts to work with Pap?

Ch 6

1. How does Huck's attitude toward school change?
2. Where does Pap kidnap Huck to?
3. Describe Huck's change in attitude after being away 2-3 months.
4. What is the only thing Huck doesn't like?
5. What is Pap's favorite topic when he's drunk?
6. How does Pap feel about the "educated nigger?"
7. Why is this rather satirical?

Ch 7

1. What absolutely perfect item does Huck find?
2. Describe in detail his escape plan?
3. Huck wishes who could have been there "to throw in the fancy touches."
4. Where does Huck plan to head to?

Ch 8

1. What evidence is there that Huck's plan worked?
2. Who else is sharing the island with Huck?
3. Why is this person on the island?

4. Why does this person think he is rich?

Ch 9

1. Describe the place they set up camp in?
2. What things come floating down the river that will assist their travel?
3. What other item also comes floating down?
4. What kinds of things do they find on it and take?
5. Oddly, Jim instructs Huck not to look at what? Why?

Ch 10

1. Why does Jim fear bad luck and why does Huck think just the opposite?
2. What trick did Huck play on Jim that backfired?
3. During Jim's recuperation, Huck decides to do what?
4. How does he disguise himself?

Ch 11

1. What alias does Huck use?
2. What information does Huck get from Mrs. Judith Loftus?
3. What are several mistakes Huck makes in regard to his disguise?
4. What story does Huck tell when his disguise fails?
5. What plans does Mrs. Loftus' husband have that night?

Ch 12

1. Describe the first five days floating down the river?
2. How do Huck and Jim get food?
3. What do they spy on the fifth night on the river?
4. What kind of company do they meet up with?
5. What is Huck's plan in regard to this company of men?
6. Unfortunately, Huck and Jim discover that what is missing?

Ch 13

1. What makes the two men go back in the riverboat?
2. Why is this beneficial to Huck and Jim?
3. After securing their raft, what story does Huck make up to the ferry boat owner about the wreck?

4. Why does Huck do this?
5. What did Huck know about most people and their willingness to help?
6. What happened to the men?

Ch 14

1. What kinds of things do they find in the trunk?
2. What isn't Jim as interested in adventure as Huck?
3. What does Huck start telling Jim about? Give details of his explanations.
4. Why does Jim "take no stock in . . . Sollermun bein de wises' man dat ever live"?
5. What is Jim's attitude about other languages?
6. Huck said, "He (Jim) had an uncommon level head for a nigger." At the same time Jim was quite literal. What is meant by literal?

Ch 15

1. What is the plan of Huck and Jim at this point?
2. What happens to cause Huck and Jim to get separated?
3. What joke does Huck play on Jim when he finally finds him on the raft?
4. What was Jim's response when he realized the truth?
5. What was Huck compelled to do that was very difficult?
6. What had never occurred to Huck about Jim and how is their relationship changing?

Ch 16

1. As they head for their destination, why does Huck begin to feel guilty?
2. What does Jim say he's going to do that appalls Huck?
3. What clue does Twain give that Jim is smarter than the reader might think? What does he say to Huck right before Huck talks to the men?
4. How does Huck keep the men from searching the raft so that Jim remains safe?
5. Ironically, what do the men give Huck?
6. What advice do they have for Huck in the next town they go to?
7. What does this reveal about mankind?
8. How does Huck reconcile his upbringing with his feelings for Jim?

9. What discovery do Huck and Jim make about their destination?
10. What other bad luck happens on that muddy night?