

Huck Finn Reader's Guide
Chapters 16-42

Ch. 16:

1. What is Jim's dream? What does he want to accomplish by running away?
2. What do Jim and Huck plan to do with the money on the stolen skiff?
3. Why are they not able to follow their plan?
4. To what superstition do they attribute their failure?

Ch. 17

1. What kind of people are the Grangerfords? Are they just feuding hillbillies?
2. What is the purpose for telling the story of the Grangerfords in this book?

Ch. 18:

1. What does Huck find where he is told he will find a "whole stack" of water moccasins?
2. Why does Huck leave the Grangerfords? What event marks the boiling point in the feud? Is this episode like the situation in modern street gangs?

Ch. 19:

1. What had the Duke and the Dauphin been doing to get into so much trouble?
2. What is a temperance revival?
3. What is the result of the claims of the Duke and the Dauphin?
4. Are both Huck and Jim fooled? Explain.

Ch. 20

1. How does Huck convince the men that Jim is not a runaway slave?
2. How does the duke arrange things so that they can travel in the daytime?

Ch. 21

1. What do the king and the duke plan to get money?
2. Describe the scene in which Boggs is killed.

Ch. 22

1. Why does the duke decide to change the kind of show they will put on?
2. Why does the lynching bee fail?
3. Why is Huck so easily taken in by the drunk at the circus who turns out to be a trick rider?

Ch. 23

1. Is Huck's history of kings accurate?
2. What is the cause of Jim's mourning, and what does Huck conclude about the similarities of the races?

Ch. 24.

1. How does the duke fool people about what Jim is in reality?
2. Where does the king get the information he needs to swindle the Wilks' girls?

Ch. 25

1. What do the king and the duke do to convince everyone that they are the girls' uncles?

Ch. 26

1. Why doesn't Joanna eat at the table with the others?
2. What makes Huck want to help the sisters?
3. How does Huck find out where the king and duke have hidden the money?

Ch. 27

1. Where does Huck hide the money after he takes it from the king's room?
2. How does Huck escape the suspicion of having stolen the money?
3. What upsets the girls in the settling of the estate?

Ch. 28

1. Why does Huck reveal the plot to Mary Jane?
2. What is Huck's plan involving Mary Jane?
3. What proof can Mary Jane use to show the two men to be dishonest?

Ch. 29

1. How do the duke and the king react when the real brothers of Peter Wilks arrive?
2. Why does the crowd go to the graveyard?

Ch. 30

1. Why do the king and duke NOT suspect Huck of having stolen the gold?

Ch. 31

1. What is the moral issue that Huck must deal with in this chapter? What consequence(s) would follow if Huck helps return Jim to his owner, Miss Watson? If he helps Jim escape?

Ch. 32

1. How is Huck almost trapped into telling Aunt Sally who he really is? How is he saved from having to do so?

Ch. 33

1. What happens to the king and the duke?

Ch. 34

1. What is the difference between Huck and Tom in their ideas about helping Jim escape?

Ch. 35

1. What things must be done to facilitate Jim's escape?

Ch. 36

1. Which person—Tom or Huck makes a practical plan, and which makes a romantic plan?

Ch. 37

1. How do Tom and Huck confuse Aunt Sally?

Ch. 38

1. Why does Jim have to make inscriptions on the wall?
2. What is ironic about the plans?

Ch 39.

1. Why is Aunt Sally getting so nervous?

Ch. 40

1. What spoils "the getaway"?

Ch. 41

1. What makes Huck feel sorry about his part in deceiving Aunt Sally?

Ch. 42

1. How does the truth about the episode come out?
Why had Tom thought that Jim would be freed?
2. How does it make you feel that Tom didn't tell what he knew about Jim's freedom?

Ch. The Last

1. What does Huck find out about his money?
2. What does Jim tell Huck about his father?
3. What are Huck's plans for the future?