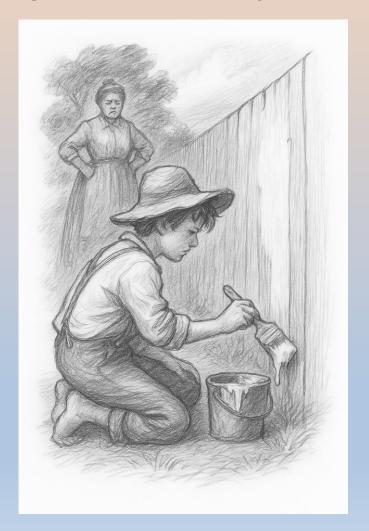
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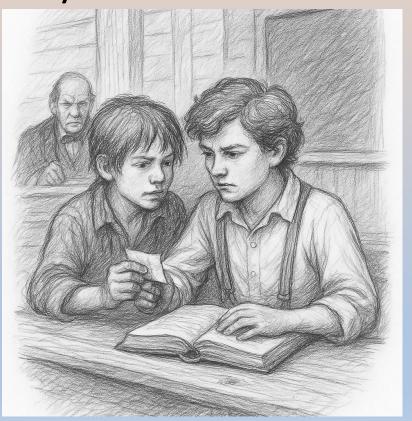
- Themes
- Characters
- Context
- Narrative
- Moral Development





Why Teach This Novel?

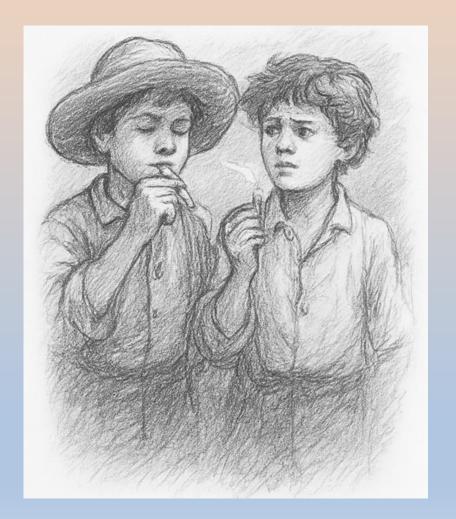
- Classic coming-of-age story
- Humor and satire
- Teaches moral growth
- Great for character studies





Historical Context

- 1840s Missouri
- Small-town life
- Childhood freedom vs.
 adult expectations





Tom Sawyer

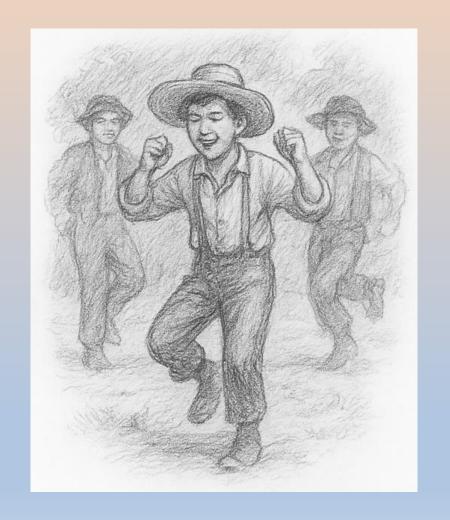
- Mischievous
- Imaginative
- Craves attention
- Learns courage





Huck Finn

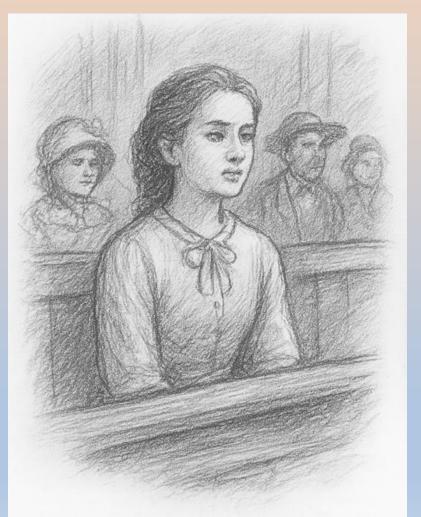
- Tom's friend
- Free-spirited outsider
- Contrast to
 Tom's imagination





Becky Thatcher

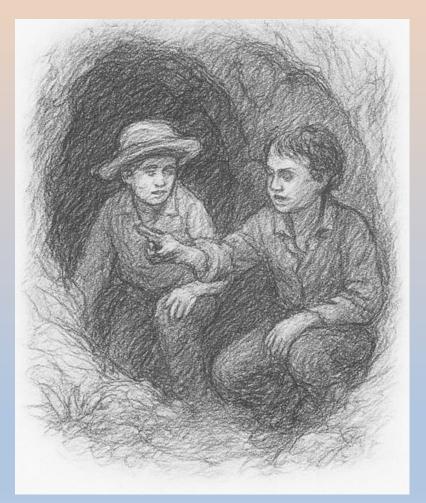
- New girl in town
- Intelligent and brave
- Tom's love interest





Major Plot Points

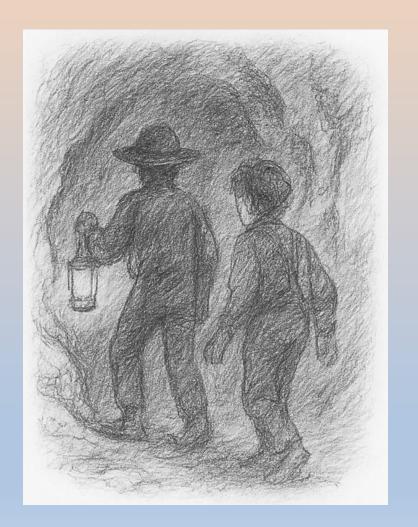
- Fence-painting trick
- Graveyard scene
- Pirate adventure
- Trial of Muff Potter
- Cave rescue





Themes

- Growing up
- Friendship
- Imagination
- Justice and courage





Symbolism

- The cave
- The town
- Treasures and superstitient





End of Deck

 Teaching Tom Sawyer helps students explore identity, morality, and imagination.

