

# Book Club

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# Vocabulary

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- You will probably see many new words in this book club.
- I'll give you a vocabulary list to help.
- The words are numbered to make them easier to find.





# Today's Goals

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- Discuss reading habits
- Learn about Mark Twain (famous American (1)**author**)
- Understand the (2)**setting** of “Huckleberry Finn”
- Read the first chapter of “Huckleberry Finn”
- Discuss your (3)**first impressions** of the book in small groups

# Your Reading Habits

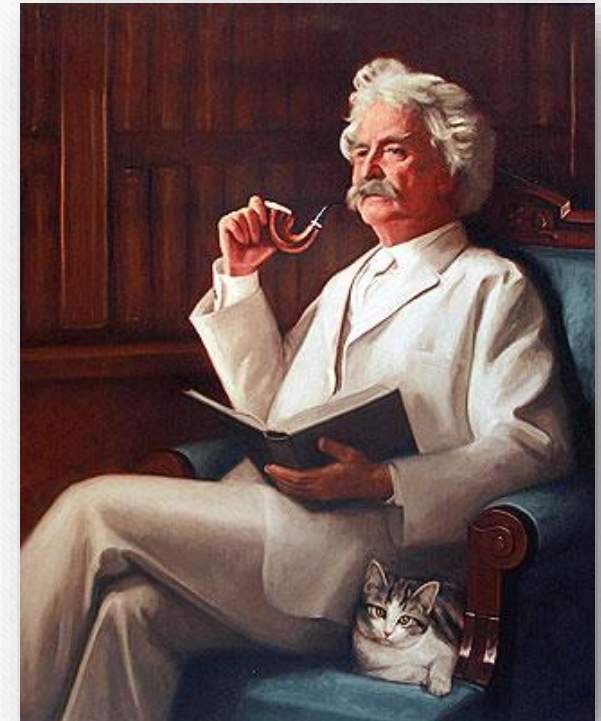
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- Answer the questions about your reading habits.
- Now, discuss your answers in a small group.
  - Everyone speaks
  - Continue the conversations with more questions



# Mark Twain

- Read about Mark Twain.
- Each pair will have a white board.
- I'll ask a question. Pairs discuss and agree on an answer. Write the answer on the white board.
- Hold up the white board when I say “Hold them up!”



# Questions

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1. What was Mark Twain's real name?
2. Name two jobs that Mark Twain had when he was younger.
3. Where did the name "Mark Twain" come from?
4. Why do you think he chose the name Mark Twain?
5. When did he write "Huckleberry Finn?"
6. Why was he unhappy at the end of his life?



# Slaves and Slavery in the US

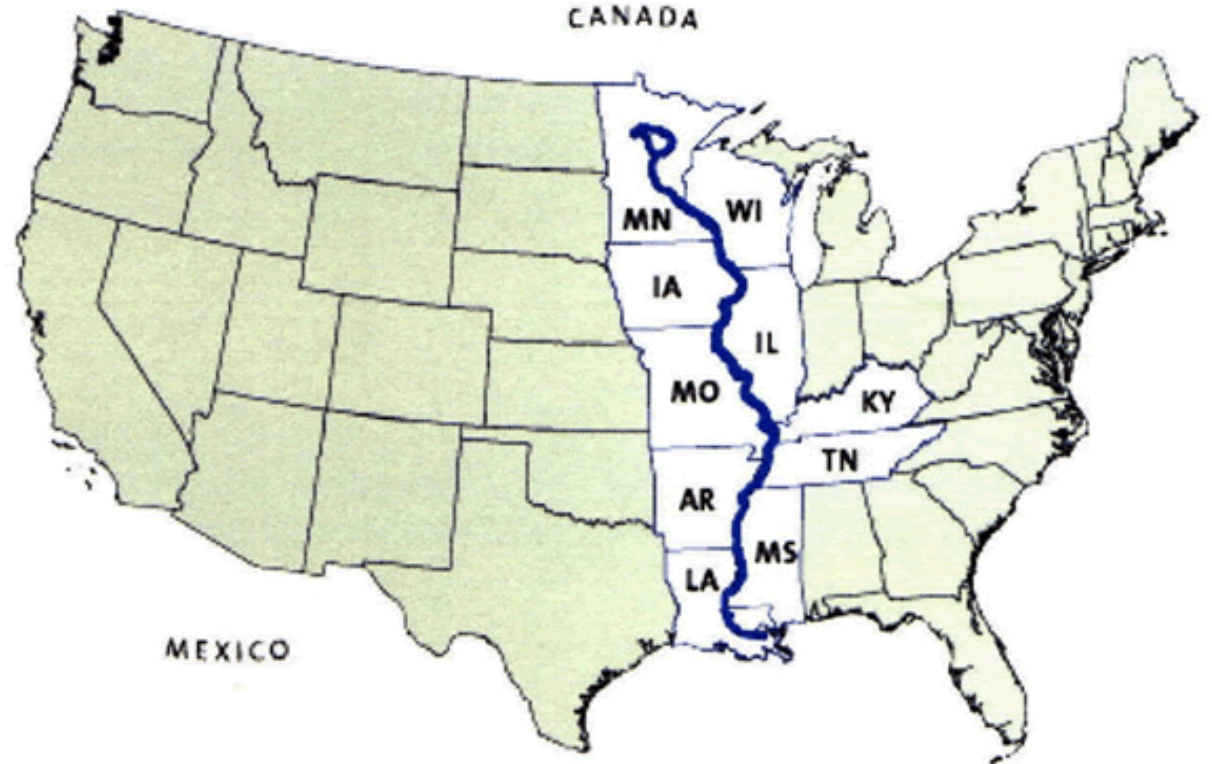
- This story happens in the 1830s-1840s.
- **(8)Slavery** was legal in many states. Rich white people used blacks from Africa as **(9)slaves**.
- Slaves had very hard lives. They were like animals, not people
- Some slaves tried to run away to a “free state” in the north.



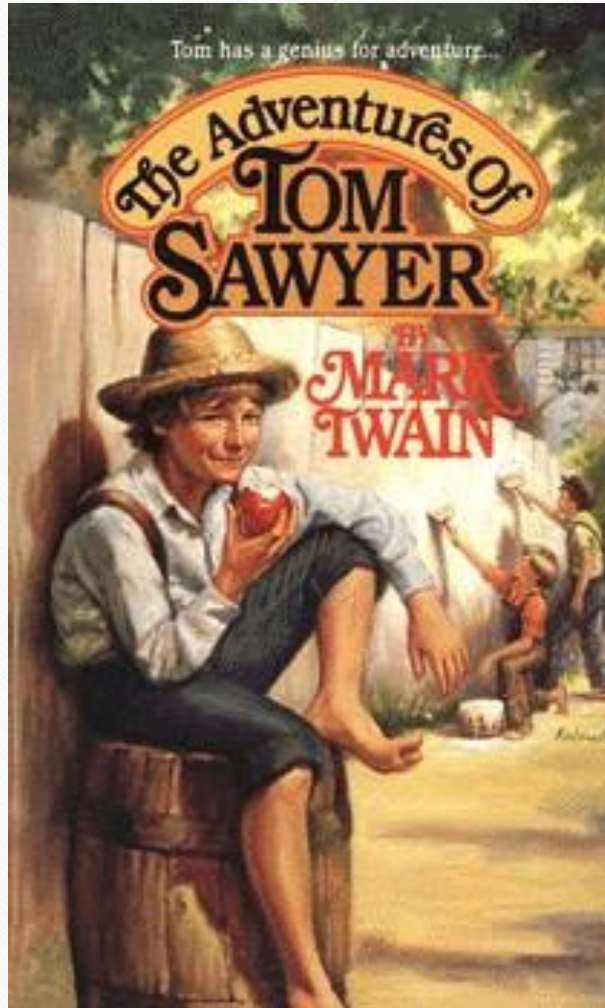




(10) Floating on a (11) raft in the Mississippi River



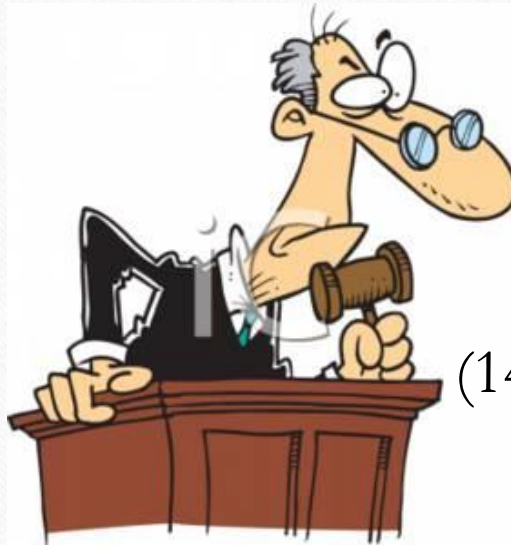




(12) Robber



(13) drunk

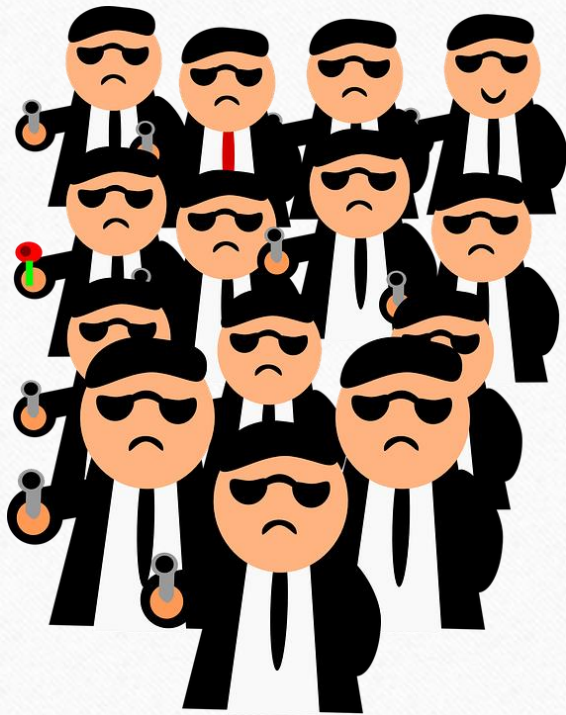


(14) judge



(15) widow





(16) gang

(12b) rob



(17) blood



# Tom Sawyer's Gang of Robbers

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- Did the kids really want to rob and kill people?
  - No. They were just playing.
  - “That’s what they do in the stories in books.” (p.4)
  - “Soon after that we stopped playing robbers because we never robbed people, and we never killed them.” (p.4)





“His toes were coming through his shoes.” (p.7)



“Pop went after him with a gun,  
and the man ran away.” (p.8)



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1. \$6000 (p.1)
2. He was always drunk. He hit Huck. He moved around all the time. (p.1)
3. Huck didn't like wearing new clothes and being good all the time. (p.2)
4. Miss Watson was the widow's sister. (p.2)
5. They were going to rob and kill people. (p.3-4)
6. They stopped because they never robbed or killed anyone. (p.4)
7. Jim belonged to Miss Watson. (p.5)
8. Huck gave his money to Judge Thatcher because he didn't want his father to take it. (p.7)
9. His father wanted the money so he could get drunk. (p.8)
10. His father took him to a small hut in the woods. (p.8)

# Your First Impressions

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1. How do you feel about the level of the book?

1. I think it's just right / too difficult / too easy because\_\_\_\_\_

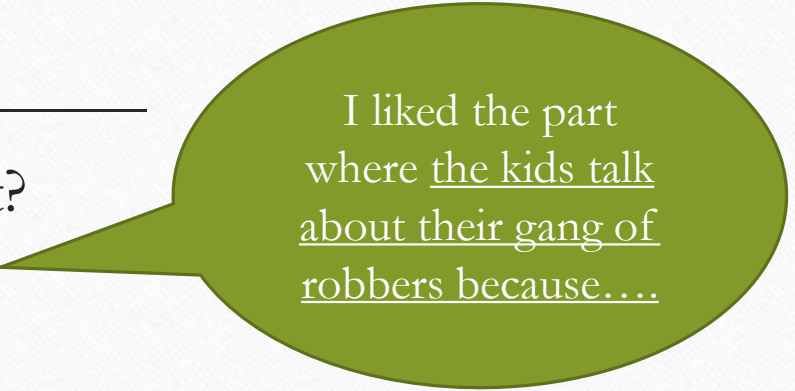
2. Did you enjoy the first chapter? Why or why not?

1. Which part did you like the most?

3. Do you like Huck?

1. Were you the same as Huck when you were a child? (Huck likes to be free; he doesn't like to go to school or be good all the time)

4. What do you think about the other characters?



I liked the part where the kids talk about their gang of robbers because....



# Reading at Home

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- Were you able to read your book at home?
- Which things make it difficult to read at home?
  - No time
  - Can't find a quiet and comfortable place to read
  - Too tired
- Do you feel like you understood the book?



hide      pleased      shoot      canoe      escape      hole

## Vocabulary Check

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1. Huck wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ from his father's hut. Jim wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ from his owner.
2. Huck liked living in the woods. He was \_\_\_\_\_ with his life.
3. Huck found a \_\_\_\_\_ and used it to travel down the river.
4. Huck cut a \_\_\_\_\_ in the wall. He used it to leave the hut.
5. Huck used his father's gun to \_\_\_\_\_ a wild pig.
6. Jim is \_\_\_\_\_ing on an island because he doesn't want anyone to find him.



# Slavery Overview

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- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jkWRd3bTUfw>