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Tom Sawyer Responses

Respond to each question in short answer format. Take care to ensure that of your responses has a claim, evidence from the text and a warrant that explains how the evidence supports your claim.

1. Why does Tom find Huckleberry Finn appealing?

2. How does Twain create the frightening atmosphere in the graveyard?

3. Do you think Mark Twain is excusing behavior in Tom that others would find irresponsible or annoying? Examine the text for evidence of Twain's attitude towards Tom's pranks, schemes, and, especially, treatment of other people. Do you find any indication that Mark Twain disapproves of Tom? If not, why might Twain be so forgiving of Tom's behavior?

4. Tom and Becky's courting and relationship is a parody of adult behavior, meaning that it exaggerates certain elements in order to make fun of it. How does this treatment of Tom and Becky's relationship make it more realistic, interesting, and amusing?

5. Why does Aunt Polly feel such conflict in disciplining Tom?

6. Between Tom and Joe, which is the leader and which is the follower?

7. Twain juxtaposes the cemetery episode with the episode of Tom playing Robin Hood in the woods. How are Tom's reactions in the cemetery different from the way he acts while playing Robin Hood and pirates?