RESOURCE #2: Analyze Theme

Answer these questions as you read to analyze the theme of the book. Give evidence from the text to support each of your answers.

**CHAPTERS 1–5**

1. Describe Tom Sawyer’s character. What things are most important to him? How does he treat other people?

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**CHAPTERS 6–10**

2. How do Tom and Huck feel about what they witness in the graveyard? What choices do they have to make?

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**CHAPTERS 11–15**

3. How does Twain describe the boys’ adventures camping out? How do the adventures compare to their experiences in school? How does Twain seem to feel about nature and civilization?

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**CHAPTERS 16–20**

4. How does Tom surprise Aunt Polly? Why do you think he takes the schoolmaster’s punishment in Becky’s place?

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**CHAPTERS 21–25**

5. What conflicts does Tom feel about telling the truth about the murder? What finally wins out for him?

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**CHAPTERS 26–30**

6. What new trouble does Tom and Huck get into? What good deeds do they do?

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**CHAPTERS 31–35**

7. How does Tom behave in the cave? What does Tom tell Huck he must do before they become robbers together?

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8. What is a lesson or message about life in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?

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