**Study Guide: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn***

**Directions**: Write a response for each of the following numbered questions in the space provided using your assigned readings.

 Highlighted questions correspond to chapters with assigned passages. More space is provided to answer these questions.

**Section One 1-11: Leaving St. Petersburg, Childhood Games, and Mockery of Jim**

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| 1. In what book could you have previously learned about Huck, and describe Huck’s life with the Widow Douglas in chapter 1?
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| 1. What does Tom do to Jim in chapter 2, and who does Jim say is responsible for doing it?
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| 1. What does Tom want his “gang” to do in chapter 2? Where does he get all of his ideas?
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| 1. What does Tom pretend to do? Does Huck believe in Tom? Why not? (See the last line of chapter 3)
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| 1. How is this Pap “born again” in chapter 5? Why doesn’t it last very long?
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| 1. Why does Pap say that he hates the government so much in chapter 6?
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| 1. How does Huck fake his own death in chapter 7? Be very specific. List the steps to his plan.
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| 1. Who does Huck meet on the island in chapter 8 and what does this person think when he first sees Huck? Why has this person run away?
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| 1. Explain the importance of the last line of the chapter 9, especially given the discovery they make in the floating house.
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| 1. What does Jim say is bad luck in chapter 10 and how does he prove to be right?
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| 1. According to the woman in chapter 11, who do most people believe killed Huck, and at the end of the chapter 11, why do Huck and Jim take off running?
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**Section Two: Huck & Jim on the Run, Missing Cairo, & the Grangerfords and Shephersons**

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| 1. What has happened to Huck and Jim’s raft in chapter 12?
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| 1. Huck and Jim take the murderer’s boat in chapter 13, but Huck begins to feel bad for them. How does he make sure that the men don’t die on the Walter Scott?
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| 1. Why does Jim think that Solomon was not wise in chapter 14, and what does Jim think of people that speak French?
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| 1. What does Huck do to Jim at the end of the chapter 15? Why is this so significant?
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| 1. How does Huck save Jim from getting caught by the men looking for runaway slaves in chapter 16?
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| 1. What is most impressive to Huck about the Grangerford household in chapter 17? Were you impressed – why or why not?
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| 1. In what ways is the family conflict in chapter 18 like Romeo and Juliet? Like the Civil War? How is Huck impacted by the death of Buck Grangerford?
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**Section Three: The King & the Duke Join the Raft, Running Scams, & the Death of Boggs**

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| 1. What does Huck figure out about the Duke and the Dauphin in chapter 19? Why doesn’t he tell Jim?
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| 1. Describe the scams do the Duke and the Dauphin pull off in chapter 20? What do these scams have in common?
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| 1. What is funny about “Hamlet’s soliloquy” that they are practicing in chapter 21?
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| 1. Who is Colonel Sherburn and what does he do? What do the people want to do with him at the end of chapter 21?
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| 1. What does Sherburn have to say about the North and the South in chapter 22? What does he say about mobs?
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**Section Four: The Big Scam: The King & Duke, Huck, and the Wilks Sisters**

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| 1. What does Huck tell him in his little “history” lesson in chapter 23, and what does the kings “are a mighty ornery lot” mean?
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| 1. What is the story that Jim tells Huck about his daughter? What can we infer about Jim from this story?
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| 1. How does Huck misunderstand the King in chapter 24 when he says he is going to “trust in Providence [God’s Plan] to lead him the profitable way”? Why is this ironic?
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| 1. What is the response of the town to the Duke and the King in chapter 25, and why do the King and the Duke give the money back to the Wilks girls?
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| 1. What does Huck decide to do with the King and Duke’s gold, what makes him decide it, and how does he avoid getting caught in chapter 26?
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| 1. Who does Huck blame the theft on in chapter 27? Why does he do it and what’s the significance?
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| 1. Why does Huck decide to tell the truth in chapter 28, and who shows up at the end of the chapter 28?
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| 1. Where does Huck end up at the end of the chapter 29, and who is on his trail?
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| 1. How did the King and Duke get away in chapter 30, and who finally owns up to the crime?
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**Section Five: Jim Bought, Sold, & the Great Escape: Huck and Tom Role Play**

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| 1. When Huck returns to the raft in chapter 31, where is Jim? What has happened to him?
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| 1. Why does Huck try to pray and why can he not pray in chapter 31? What does he do and why is this significant?
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| 1. What excuse does Huck give for being late in chapter 32? What is ironic about Huck’s response to the lines, “Good gracious, was anybody hurt?”
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| 1. What does Huck say about his conscience at the end of the chapter 33?
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| 1. What is Huck’s plan to break Jim out in chapter 34? Why doesn’t Tom like it?
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| 1. What is Tom’s plan to break Jim out in chapter 34? Why does Huck think that Tom is shaming his family?
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| 1. How is Jim going to keep a journal in chapter 35? How long does Tom want the plan to last? What do they decide to do instead?
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| 1. What does Tom hide for Jim in a loaf of bread in chapter 36? What does it almost do to Jim?
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| 1. How do Huck and Jim confuse Aunt Sally over and over, and what do they get to Jim in a pie in chapter 37?
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| 1. What animals does Tom want to place in Jim’s “cell” in chapter 38? How does Jim react to that?
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| 1. What do the letters say that Tom sends to the Phelps family in chapter 39?
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| 1. What happens during the big escape in chapter 40?
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| 1. Who is in the Phelps’s house in chapter 41? What do they have to say about Jim?
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| 1. How did the doctor catch Jim in chapter 42? Why does the doctor say he is worth “a thousand dollars – and kind treatment too”?
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| 1. What is the irony Huck’s desire to head West ahead of everyone else, especially given the period in time when Twain composed and published this novel? How does it fit into Twain’s satiric commentary?
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