

## WHITE WASHING THE FENCE

### QUESTION BANK

1. Describe the summer world in your own words.
2. What piece of work was assigned to Tom?
3. How did Ben Rogers ridicule him?
4. What did Tom pretend to do?
5. How did he sweep his brush?
6. Why did he refuse to allow Ben at first to whitewash?
7. On what condition was Ben allowed?
8. How were other boys duped by Tom?
9. What great law of human action did Tom discover?
10. How did Tom's aunt react on seeing the wall?
11. Why did Aunt Polly punish Tom?
12. Why did whitewashing seem painful to Tom?
13. How did Tom convince Ben that whitewashing was a great work?
14. Compare the technique Tom used on Jim with the technique Tom used on the other boys. Describe each technique, and then tell which worked better and why you think it worked better.
15. What was Tom doing when Ben was whitewashing the fence?
16. How did Tom escape from doing the task of whitewashing?
17. What does the fence symbolize in the story of Tom Sawyer?
18. What things did Tom collect by the end of the day?
19. Who spoke these words and to whom?

- a) "You are in trouble, aren't you?"  
b) "Well, I don't see why I should not like it."  
c) "Tom, I hate your lies."  
d) "I'll give you half of my apple."  
e) "You can work when you want to, only you hardly ever want to."
20. 3. Make sentences on your own with the following words.  
a) surveyed  
b) resumed  
c) magnificent  
d) consent  
e) dreading  
f) particular
21. Name three things that Tom got the kids to give him for the "whitewashing privilege."
22. What is Tom's Saturday job for punishment?
23. How does he escape doing his punishment? What does he do instead? Explain in complete sentences.
24. According to Twain, what is the difference between work and play? Quote: "...work consists of whatever a body is obliged to do, and play consists of whatever a body is not obliged to do."
25. What things did Tom collect by the end of the day?