

**HIGHLAND SCHOOL  
2009 SUMMER READING  
RISING EIGHTH GRADE**

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* – Required (see attached sheet for assignment)**

**Assignment for Choice Books**

In addition to reading the assigned summer reading book, *Tom Sawyer*, you are required to read one book from the following list. After reading this book, complete a book report that includes a summary of the plot and an analysis of the main conflict in the story (What is the conflict? How does the protagonist react and eventually over come this conflict?) Your report should be 1-2 pages, double spaced, and in a legible black font.

**Choice Books: (Choose ONE)**

- *A Northern Light* – Jennifer Donnelly
- *A Great and Terrible Beauty* – Libba Bray
- *Flowers for Algernon* – Daniel Keyes
- *The Looking Glass Wars* – Frank Beddor
- *The Cobra Event* – Richard Preston
- *The Skin I'm In* – Sharon Flake
- *Last of the Mohicans* – James Fennimore Cooper
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- *For Freedom: The Story of a French Spy* – Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
- *The Forbidden Schoolhouse* – Suzanne Jermain
- *The Life and Death of Crazy Horse* – Russell Freedman and Amos Bad Heart Bull
- *Left for Dead* – Pete Nelson and Hunter Scott

***The Adventures of Tom Sawyer***  
**Mark Twain**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This packet is designed to help you as you read *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by Mark Twain. You should treat it as a guided reading assignment and discipline yourself to read a portion of the book and immediately answer the questions in this packet while they're still fresh on your mind.

Answer the following in legible, complete sentences and **in pencil**. Five percent will be deducted if this packet is not completed in pencil or complete sentences. Otherwise it will be graded according to the strength and thoroughness of your answers. Each question is worth five points.

\*\* You do not need to fill every line in the packet – enough space is provided for people that write a lot.

## Chapters 1-5

1. List the new characters in this section:

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2. What is the relationship between Tom and Aunt Polly? Give at least two examples that prove your answer. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Summarize the whitewashing the fence episode. Additionally, explain how Tom got out of doing the work. \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 6-12

4. List the new characters in this section:
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5. Why are Tom and Huck such good friends? \_\_\_\_\_
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6. Summarize what happens in the graveyard. Additionally, why do Tom and Huck make an oath to “keep mum” about the whole thing? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Chapters 13-19

7. Why do the boys run away? Where do they go? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. On page 131 there is a new character on the island: conscience. How does “conscience” affect each boy individually? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Later on the island, Tom sneaks away. Where does he go? What does he see? How does this experience affect Tom? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapters 20-28

10. How does Tom “save” Becky? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Summarize Muff Potter’s trial. How is Tom a hero? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. After the trial, Tom and Huck run into Injun Joe again. Where is this? What happened? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How does this episode lead to Tom and Huck's treasure hunt? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Chapter 29-End

14. How is Injun Joe going to "get revenge"? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Summarize how Huck Finn saved the Widow Douglass. \_\_\_\_\_

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16. How did Tom and Becky find themselves lost in MacDougal's Cave? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. Who was also in the cave? What was he doing there? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. Based on what happens in the cave, how could you claim that Tom is a naturally brave and resourceful young man? \_\_\_\_\_

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19. After escaping, why does Tom go back into MacDougal's Cave? Why does he bring Huck with him? \_\_\_\_\_

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20. How have the events of this crazy summer (in the book) changed the lives of Huck and Tom? \_\_\_\_\_

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