

ENGLISH LITERATURE WORKSHEET
CLASS - VII

TOPIC - 'TOM WHITEWASHES A FENCE'

SYNOPSIS

This incident occurs in Mark Twain's novel entitled, 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.'

Tom Sawyer, is an orphan, who lives with his Aunt Polly and his half-brother Sid in the fictional town of St. Petersburg, Missouri sometimes in the 1840's. Tom is a fun loving boy who skips school to go swimming and is made to whitewash his aunt's fence for the entire of the next day, saturday, as punishment.

Then we see how Tom makes his job look attractive to other children by convincing them in whitewashing the fence for him, for which in return he collects alot of different things from these children and how he escapes fom doing the task of whitewashing and the fence had three coats of whitewash on it.

1. Read the first chapter from your English Reader book and then answer the following questions in your own words.
 - a) Why did Aunt Polly punish Tom?
 - b) Why did whitewashing seem painful to Tom?
 - c) How did Tom convince Ben that whitewashing was a great work?
 - d) What was Tom doing when Ben was whitewashing the fence?
 - e) How did Tom escape from doing the task of whitewashing?
 - f) What does the fence symbolize in the story of Tom Sawyer?
 - g) What things did Tom collect by the end of the day?

2. 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."

3. Make sentences on your own with the following words.
 - a) surveyed
 - b) resumed
 - c) magnificent
 - d) consent
 - e) dreading
 - f) particular

4. Solve the following exercises from the first chapter of the English Reader book.
 - a) Exercises 1 A B C from page no.9
 - b) Exercise 2 from page no. 9 &10
 - c) Exercise 4 from page no.10 &11