

# The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

- 1 *Student's own answer. For part (a) student could say any of the following: Huck Finn is four teen years old/lives in town of St Petersburg/lives in Mrs Douglas' house/not happy there/everything in his life is boring/does not want to go to school/does not want to wear clean clothes/does not want to sleep in a soft bed every night.*
- 2 *Student's own answer. Suggested possible answers: (a) on a raft on a river/on the Mississippi River (b) Student might suggest any of the male characters from page 8. In reality, the character is Jim.*
- 3 *Huckleberry Finn: Likes ... Mrs Douglas/sleeping in barns/having no lessons/not going to school/not saying prayers/not going to church. Dislikes ... Miss Watson/ beds/clean clothes/washing his face/reading the Bible/ going to church.*
- 4 *Student's own answer. The following information will help the student to find Huck's position in each chapter. Chapter 1: in St Petersburg. Chapter 2: near St Petersburg, near the Mississippi River. Chapter 3: on Jackson's Island. Chapter 4: between St Louis and Cairo on the Mississippi River. Just south of Cairo at the end of the chapter (10 nights). Chapter 5: hiding in the same part of the river – they travel one mile down the river. Chapter 6: one night's journey, floating quickly down the river. The next day at a small town, Arkansas is on one side of them and Tennessee is on the other. Chapter 7: two days later at a big town. Then an all day and all night journey to a small town on the eastern shore of the river. Chapter 8: in the same town. Next day, night, the day after. Chapter 9: in the same town in the afternoon of the same day. Then an all-night and all-day journey to another small town, on the western side of the river in Arkansas. [They don't reach Memphis.] Chapter 10: near the same town, at the Phelps' farm.*
- 5 *Information that students could mention is: Slaves can be sold by their owners./There are people called slave-traders who buy and sell them./Jim, an old man, is worth \$800./Owners offer a reward for catching a runaway slave./White men search for runaway slaves and claim a reward when they catch one./There are 'free states' in the north of the US where there are no slaves. [Chapter 3.]*  
  
*Missouri is a slave state./In Illinois people capture runaways and take them back to their owners and claim a reward./Owners can give slaves their freedom./Free black men have legal papers to prove that they are free./Jim is Miss Watson's property./Huck is breaking the law by helping Jim. There are no slaves in Europe. [Chapter 4.]*

Arkansas and Tennessee are slave states./People print 'Reward' notices asking for the return of runaway slaves./The reward for a slave like Jim is \$200. [Chapter 6.]

Miss Watson frees Jim before she dies. [Chapter 10.]

- 6 *Student's own answer. Part of a sample answer:*

<b>Title of the story</b> The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn		
<b>Descriptions of two people in the story</b>		
	<b>First person's name</b>	<b>Second person's name</b>
	Mr Finn	The King of France
<b>Male or female?</b>	male	male
<b>Age? (you can guess)</b>	about 40	about 60
<b>Job?</b>	none/sometimes sells logs	confidence trickster
<b>Do you like/dislike this character?</b>	dislike	like and dislike
<b>Where does the story happen?</b> in the US, starting in St Petersburg, Missouri, then along the Mississippi River into Arkansas.		<b>Tell the story. Use no more than 75 words.</b> Huck Finn leaves St Petersburg. He escapes from an easy life in a house and his violent father. He travels down the Mississippi River on a raft with Jim, a runaway slave. He protects Jim. He meets two confidence tricksters and escapes from them and from people they try to fool. They sell Jim. Huck finally finds Jim on Sally Phelps' farm. She is a relation of his friend Tom Sawyer. He meets Tom there.
<b>Describe the best part of the story.</b> Chapter 5. Huck fools the men looking for runaway slaves and they don't find Jim.		<b>Did you have to find the meaning of any new words? Write a short list.</b> <i>Student's own answer.</i>
<b>Your recommendation. Did you enjoy the story?</b> <i>Student's own answer.</i>		<b>Who will you recommend this story to?</b> <i>Student's own answer.</i>