Environmental Science Senior Exam Study Guide
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Tom comes home at supper time. He has a new brand of mischief with the head and shows her that his collar is still away from his neck, but she, Tom's half-sister, had intended for Tom to wear it for a while longer. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house straight into the kitchen, where he finds Aunt Polly engaged in her nightly kitchen work. She is making a dish of corned beef and cabbage, and Tom observes how she goes about it with such skill.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

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