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The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with soot, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, "Look behind you!" and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom's misbehavior and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time and telling how he had been skipped school that afternoon and went to visit a friend who was a drake and how he was playing with a cat and how he was caught and how he had been whipped and how he was going to the cat again. Aunt Polly is satisfied.

Tom goes out of the house in a shower of coal dust and under a shower of water. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom is approached by a wandering and arrogant boy who challenges Tom to a fight. Tom accepts the challenge and eventually chases the intruder all the way home.

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

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom lies to get Jim to do some of the whitewashing in return for a "white alley," a kind of mantle. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime and is asked what he has been doing. Tom tells that he had missed class and was sent to the school for the first time in his life. He had not been present for the last three days and was very interested in the school. He had been working hard to earn enough money to buy a new suit of clothes. He had been on a mission to earn enough money to buy a new suit of clothes.

Tom and the new arrival arrived at the house at the same time. Aunt Polly was pleased with Tom’s progress and eventually chose the new clothes for the whole house.

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On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Sam passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of mattress. Sam almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.
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Literary Theory

"Literary theory" is the body of ideas and methods we use in the practical reading of literature. By literary theory we refer not to the meaning of a work of literature but to the theories that reveal what literature can mean.

Literary Resources on the Net (Lynch)

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