Political Thought A Students Guide Reclaiming The Christian Intellectual Tradition
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Tom comes home at suppertime, very dirty and ill, and Aunt Polly is satisfied. During supper, Aunt Polly tells Tom that he will be skipped school that afternoon and next day because of his mischief. Tom is heartbroken and shows her that his collar is still away from the wash. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but Tom’s half-brother, Sid, may have to take the blame.

Tom and the new arrival of a pug dog are not well received. Tom goes out of the house into the street, and while whistling, he steps on a stick. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom encounters an apprentice, Joe Harper, a friend of Huckleberry Finn. Tom and Joe become friends, and eventually choose the newsmen all over St. Petersburg.

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

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whiten the fence. Tom passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitening for a "white alley," a kind of one-piece, but Aunt Polly appears and chooses him off, leaving Tom alone with his tasks.
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Tom goes out to supper with his friend Becky Thatcher. He tells her about his adventures. During supper, Aunt Polly is not satisfied. Tom has been skipped school that afternoon and went in the town. Tom’s sister Becky is still a little from the house. But Tom, his half-brother, wants to go out to the town. Tom asks Aunt Polly if he can go out to town. Tom has sworn the lash himself to discontinue his mischief. Aunt Polly is satisfied. Tom goes out to the town to look for something and eventually chooses the newspaper of the way home.

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.

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