

Title: The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Author: Mark Twain

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Protagonist:

Tom Sawyer is the protagonist of the novel. He is about 12 years old and lives in the small town of St. Petersburg, Missouri. He wants to be an outlaw and likes to play hooky from school and church. He drives his Aunt Polly crazy and hates his half-brother Sid.

Antagonist:

Injun Joe is the antagonist of this story. Joe is a half breed Indian and a robber and murderer. He kills Dr. Robinson and in addition plans a brutal attack on a wealthy widow. He is greedy and bitter because of his treatment by the townspeople.

Conflict:

This is a person vs. person conflict. Tom wants to get the \$12,000 that Joe has stolen and Joe wants to kill the Widow Douglas and then get away. Both characters cannot get what they want, so there is a conflict.

Setting:

The story takes place in a small town in Missouri during the 1830's. The setting is very important to the story because the town represents the place where Mark Twain grew up. Many of the characters are based on people he actually knew. The language, superstitions, and culture of the village are all important in this story.

Plot:

Tom Sawyer is a mischievous and hilarious boy growing up in the 1830's by the Mississippi River. He is constantly in trouble with Aunt Polly, who loves him and suffers trying to raise him. Tom is a very clever boy. He tricks his friends into whitewashing the fence, and wins a bible in church by cheating his friends out of their prize tickets.

Tom is not a good student and often plays hooky. He likes girls, and leaves Amy Lawrence for Becky Thatcher. His best friends are Joe Harper and Huck Finn. Huck is the son of the town drunk and disliked by all the adults. The kids respect him because he is the only free boy in town.