

Chapters 31-34 Questions

Remember! Inferences need to be based upon evidence, not just “a feeling.”

1. In chapter 32 Huck informs Aunt Sally of a fictional reason that the river boat he was traveling upon was late. He says,

‘It warn’t the grounding--that didn’t keep us back but a little. We blowed out a cylinder-head’

‘Good gracious! anybody hurt?’

‘No’m. Killed a nigger.’

‘Well, it’s lucky; because sometimes people do get hurt’

[221 Twain]

What do you make of Huck’s response to Aunt Sally’s question? What does this response illustrate about Huck?

2. In chapter 33 Tom and Huck meet again for the first time since Huck’s disappearance, and Huck informs him that Jim is being kept at a nearby home. Upon learning this, Tom’s eyes light up and he says “I’ll *help* you steal him!” (255 Twain). What can you infer about Tom, based upon this reaction?

3. Once Huck and Tom figure out where Jim is, they develop a plan to free him that is both elaborate and completely insane. Huck even says of Tom’s plan that it might “get us all killed besides,” (233). What can you infer about Huck based on his willingness to go along with the plan?