

Tom, Joe, and Huck plan many adventures. One time they run away from home and camp out on Jackson Island. The town believes the boys are dead and are in for an amazing surprise when the boys return and show up at their own funeral.

One night, the boys go to a graveyard with a dead cat to try to cure warts. They accidentally witness Injun Joe killing Doc Robinson. Muff Potter, a kindly drunk, gets blamed for the murder. At the trial, Tom testifies and Potter is saved. However, Joe escapes and Tom spends sleepless nights worrying Joe will come to kill him.

One day Huck and Tom look for buried treasure. They stumble upon a "haunted" house and discover Joe and his partner hiding their stolen money. There is over \$12,000 in coins. The boys plan to follow the thieves and steal the money for themselves.

Becky Thatcher plans a picnic. One of the activities is for the children to explore a cave. After the picnic ends, the children go home, not knowing that Tom and Becky have been left behind and are lost in the cave. Their lives are in danger. Tom also discovers Joe hiding in the cave.

Tom eventually escapes. The town has bolted the cave shut, not knowing that in doing so they are killing Injun Joe. Tom and Huck become heroes and with Joe's treasure are now rich and famous.

Climax:

The climax of the book is when Injun Joe dies. Tom says after the trial he will never sleep well until he sees Joe dead. He gets his wish when the people reenter the cave and find Joe's body. Tom will never be bothered again by this man.

Resolution:

At the end of the story, Tom tells the town that he and Huck are rich. The boys shock the people by bringing in a wagon with \$12,000. Huck will live with the Widow Douglas and Tom will be a town hero.

Theme:

The theme is for adults to remember what it was like to be a child. The book makes fun of how silly children can be and reminds us of the fun they can have before having to enter "civilization".