Huck Finn Chapter One

Before

* Who is Huck?
* Where does he live?
* Who does he live with?
* Who is Huck’s mother?
* How does Twain address racism in the south?

During

* Mark Twain mainly told the truth in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
  + He did stretch the truth, but so does everyone else
  + Huck lies – to others, not himself (unreliable narrator)
    - Lying becomes an important narrative technique in Am. Lit
* Huck and Tom are rich! They each have $6000
  + Huck doesn’t care about money
* Huck lives with Widow Douglas
  + He finds her too “dismal and regular” – she’s boring
* When Huck gets bored he runs away – appreciates freedom, dislikes society
  + Like Emerson – very self-reliant
* Tom convinces Huck to return
  + Says he can join his “band of robbers” if he returns and acts “respectable”
  + Tom relies on crazy romantic values
* Life with Widow Douglas
  + She is very religious
  + She makes him wear nice clothes – very strict and proper
  + She doesn’t let Huck smoke, but she takes snuff
    - She’s a hypocrite – Twain HATES hypocrites
* Miss Watson
  + Proper, very strict teacher
  + Confident – bragging that she will go to heaven when Tom will go to hell
    - Huck decides he would prefer to go to hell because she won’t be there, Tom will, and there might be adventure there (singing and harps just doesn’t appeal to him)