Huck Finn Chapter One

Before

* Who does Huck live with?
* What is Huck up to?
* What is Huck’s social class?
* How does Twain address racism in the south?

During

* This is a sequel – The Adventures of Tom Sawyer came first
* Twain told “some stretchers” – but everyone lies
  + Huck lies (to others, not himself) – unreliable narrator
* Huck has $6000
  + He doesn’t care – he’s happy with $1/day
* Lives with Widow Douglas
  + Thinks she is boring – he runs away
* Tom convinces him to return
  + Huck can join Tom’s “band of robbers” if he will “act respectable” (11)
  + Tom is obsessed with crazy romantic ideas
* Life with the widow
  + Very strict, religious, hypocritical (Huck can’t smoke but she can chew tobacco)
  + Twain HATES hypocrites
* Miss Watson
  + She’s a terrible teacher – can’t connect with Huck at all
  + Very religious – she believes she will go to heaven (sing, play harp…)
    - Huck thinks that sounds boring, doesn’t want to end up with her, and would prefer to go to hell
* Huck is superstitious
* Smokes when the widow doesn’t know
* Sneaks out with Tom