Huck Finn Chapter One

Before

* When/where does this novel take place?
* Who does Huck live with?
* What is Huck’s personality like?

During

* This is a sequel to The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
* Mark Twain usually tells the truth, but also tells some “stretchers” (lies)
  + Huck believes that pretty much everyone lies
  + Huck himself lies (to others, not himself) – unreliable narrator
  + Lying becomes an important narrative technique in American lit
* At the end of Tom Sawyer, both Tom and Huck got $6000
  + They are given $1/day and Huck really doesn’t care about the $
* Huck lives with Widow Douglas
  + Thinks she is too “dismal and regular” (11) – she’s a square
* When he gets bored he runs away
  + Tom convinces Huck to come back and join his “band of robbers” (11)
    - Tom’s romantic influence
* Life with the widow
  + She’s a hypocrite – smoking
    - Twain HATES hypocrites
  + She’s very religious – Moses
    - Huck doesn’t care about Moses – “doesn’t take stock in dead people” (12)