

Characterization Tom Sawyer

Jeff Thatcher: Jeff is a new boy in the town of St. Petersburg. An imaginative boy who wants to make friends, he is fun loving and ready to stand up for himself at any moment. His family is very important to him. He is respectful to his mother, and very protective of his little sister.

Tom Sawyer: Tom is an orphan who is being raised by his Aunt, Polly. He is quite rebellious when it comes to following the rules of his Aunt. An incredibly imaginative and adventurous boy, nothing is too outrageous for Tom. Much more interested in fun than chores, Tom epitomizes the idea of the boy of summer. Intelligent, cunning, and a natural leader, Tom is the envy of every boy in town.

Mrs. Thatcher: The mother of Jeff and Becky, Mrs. Thatcher is also the wife of a very prominent man in the town of St. Petersburg, Judge Thatcher. This puts her in the public spotlight as one of the most important women in town. This is a position that Mrs. Thatcher revels in. She knows that she is envied by most of the women in town, and takes a great amount of pride in her family and position.

Becky Thatcher: Becky is a new girl in town. She is the darling of her family. Adored by her Father, doted on by her mother, and protected by her brother, she feels like the most important little girl in the world. Meeting Tom Sawyer is the most dangerous and unpredictable thing that has happened to her yet.

Aunt Polly: Polly is a widow who was left to raise her daughter Mary on her own. Due to the untimely death of her sister she is now raising Tom and Sid as well. She loves these boys with all her heart, and wants nothing but the best for them. She is a very religious woman who believes that she must save Tom and Sid from the fires of hell. Dealing with the independence of boys often leads her to be a strict disciplinarian.

Sid: Sid is an orphan who is being raised by his Aunt Polly. Often overshadowed by his brother Tom, Sid is prone to tattling and trying to one up Tom as the good boy in the house. The loss of his mother has led Sid to be very dependent and clingy to his Aunt Polly.

Cousin Mary: Mary is the only child of Aunt Polly. Having lost her father at an early age has left Mary with a need to take care of her new brothers, Tom and Sid. She feels a responsibility toward these boys who have been left alone in the world. She is a combination housekeeper and peacekeeper in the house.

Ben Rogers: Ben is a very popular boy who is often the host of many of the games that are played by the gang of boys in town. He is quite often perplexed by the fact that Tom Sawyer is idolized by all of the kids in town. However, he cannot help but be pulled in by Tom's charisma.

Joe Harper: Joe is a lonely boy who wants to fit in at any cost. He will do just about anything to be accepted by the rest of the kids in town. Always following Tom around, he looks up to him and wants to be just like him.

Jim Hollis: Jim is a boy who is very sure of himself, and his position in the gang. He loves animals, and is very proud of the fact that he is almost Tom's equal. He has no problem coming up with new games and crazy adventures for the boys to run with.

Ted Austin: Ted may be younger than the rest of the boys, but he has absolutely no fear. He is willing to do almost anything to prove that he deserves to hang with the older boys. His devotion to Joe Harper is a direct result of wanting to be like Tom Sawyer.

Amy Lawrence: Amy is a girl quickly becoming a woman. She knows the effect that she has on boys, even if they don't, an outrageous flirt she loves to use her wit and charm to get what she wants.

Lyda Hollis: Lyda thinks boys are the most ridiculous form of life out there. She is upset that her best friend Amy spends so much of her time trying to impress them.

Widder Douglas: Widder Douglas is has been alone for years. She is always trying to help everyone in town. She is a charitable and loving woman who wants nothing more than to have a family of her own.

The Preacher: The preacher is a man with a mission. He must save the children of the town from the fires of hell. Strong and confident he is a man not to be trifled with. His word is law in the town. Only his secret love for cousin Mary softens him.

Judge Thatcher: Judge Thatcher is the most important man in town. A distinguished well learned man who is wise and comforting to all those around him. Humble to a fault, he remembers being a boy, and all that goes with it.

Hope Austin: Hope is a girl not afraid to speak her mind. She wants to be just like her mother, in charge of a family and proper to the fullest.

Susie Harper: Susie is a girl with a kind heart. She will stand up for her ideals at all cost. Susie believes that intentions are more important than actions.

Sally Rogers: Sally is a lonely soul. She feels a kinship with Huck Finn that no one else in town does. Sally understands the call of the open road and the feeling of not belonging that makes Huck who he is.

Faith Harper: Faith is a tomboy in a time when that is not allowed. She would rather be fishing, fighting, or rolling in dirt than dressed and ready for school. If Huck Finn was a girl, he would be Faith Harper.

Huck Finn: Huck Finn lives on his own in a world that does not accept him. An outcast with no parents or rules, he has raised himself in the only way he sees fit. Huck is incredibly confident. Huck is strong, able, and more of a man than a child. The only thing that can gain Huck's respect is someone who is as wild as he is.

The Schoolmaster: The Schoolmaster is a genius. He is the most learned man in town. Every word that he speaks should be taken to heart and memorized. His love for cousin Mary is the only weakness he has ever felt.

Doc Robinson: Doc Robinson is a man ahead of his time. He realizes that only through the work of science can the human condition be understood. He will do whatever it takes to further his knowledge of medicine.

Injun Joe: Injun Joe is the scariest woman in town. She has been known to hurt anyone who would stand against her. She finds pleasure in the pain of others in the town. She fears nothing or anyone.

Muff Potter: Muff is a man without a home. Alone on the streets he would like to be a good man, but is not given the opportunity. His love for the Widder Douglas keeps him going, but her lack of love for him is what hurts him the most.

The Constable: The constable would just as soon condemn a man to death as give him a fair day in court. He is a strict disciplinarian with no thought of mercy

Allison Brown: Allison wants to be a big girl, she wants to be like her mom. Allison comes from a very large family and feels like she can take care of anyone.

Katie Wallace: Katie knows that she will never be the popular girl, she is happy just to be accepted by the big girls.

Lizzie Thomas: Lizzie is a daddy's girl. Lizzie thinks that boys are dumb, stinky, and only good for laughing at.

Jessica Thompson: Jessica is much bigger than she looks. A brass and tough little girl she will not be ignored.

Bettie Jones: Bettie loves her dolls. She mothers everything and everyone around her.

Donna Singer: Donna wants to sew and sew and sew. Not only does she patch up everyone's clothes, she wants to patch up relationships too.

Amanda Wardner: Amanda is the boss. She knows what is best for everyone at all times.