

Journal Prompts: Answer at least 2 from the following list in a 1-page journal entry.

Chapter 11:

1. Note the irony Twain creates as the crowd becomes aghast over Muff Potter returning to the crime when the real murderer is standing in the crowd along with them. What do you notice about the “mob mentality” of making Muff guilty before any real examination of the evidence is made? What is Twain saying about human nature and “mob mentality”? Can Muff get a fair trial?
2. No member of the town will confront Injun Joe with the grave robbing charges because he’s such a powerfully feared character. Can you blame Tom and Huck for not telling what they know?
3. Aren’t you amazed at how Injun Joe can just walk the streets and set such fear in others that he can exist outside of society and above the law? What would it be like inside his head? What do people think when they see him? What does he think when he sees other people?
4. A man’s life is at stake. Will the smuggling of “small comforts” to Muff ease Tom’s guilty conscience when Muff is hanged? Reflect on Tom’s actions to ease his own conscience.