

Tom Sawyer

Study Guide Questions Chapter 9

1. What are 5 instances of superstition in this chapter?
2. Identify the source of the “melancholy caterwauling” which awakens Tom.
3. Describe the atmosphere/mood as Tom and Huck venture to the graveyard. Identify at least five adjectives/adverbs used by Twain to create this atmosphere/mood.
4. Why are Tom and Huck not seen?
5. Who does Tom and Huck expect to arrive and who unexpectedly shows up? Explain why Tom and Huck are upset by the unexpected arrival.
6. Who appears to be the leader of the unexpected trio?
7. Who ends up with the upper hand?
8. Explain how Muff Potter’s greed leads to his being framed for Doc Robinson’s murder.
9. What grudge does Injun Joe hold against Dr. Robinson?
10. What lies does Injun Joe tell in this chapter?
11. Fill in the chart below with the character traits exhibited by Injun Joe and Muff Potter.

Injun Joe	Muff Potter

12. Why doesn’t Injun Joe run away after he kills Dr. Robinson?