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### Tom Sawyer

- I. The Adventures in Tom Sawyer was written by Mark Twain and was an exciting and funny book.
  - A. Tom Sawyer was always going on adventures, in the small, rural town of St. Petersburg, Missouri.
  - B. Supporting sentences
    1. Tom was always getting himself into some sort of trouble, either with aunt or the towns people of St. Petersburg.
    2. He was a very mischievous, but clever boy.
    3. On one occasion, he had tricked his friends into paying him, so they could do his chores.
  - C. Thesis statement- Tom Sawyer never failed to impress me with his cleverness, which was used in mischievous ways.
- II.
  - A. Tom Sawyer was a very dirty, unkempt, and uneducated boy.
  - B.
    1. "I aint never seen sich a dirty faced bunch."
    2. This quote is directed toward Tom and his friend, really showing how unkempt he was.
    3. He also spoke with a very southern dialect, often consisting of broken English words.
  - C. Tom really shows how many of the boys of his time acted.
- III. Symbolism
  - A. I think Tom is a symbol of the typical American boy of his time.
  - B. Supporting sentences
    1. "He pretended he did not know she was present and began to show off in all sorts of absurd boyish ways."
    2. This quote is basically saying that the average boy would show off in absurd ways.
    3. This book was written in the 1870's so the boys of that time defiantly acted differently than the boys of our time.
  - C. This is why I believe that Tom represents most of the boys of his time.
- IV. Flat or round characters
  - A. Tom's brother Sid is a good example of a flat character.
  - B. Supporting sentences

1. Throughout the whole book, Sid is a quiet kid that Tom picks on.
  2. "Then he skipped out, and saw Sid just starting up the outside stairway that led to the back rooms on the second floor."
  3. He never really played with tom, and he would always just hang out by himself.
- C. Sid never really changed at all during the book, so he is the perfect example of a flat character.
- V. Conclusion
- A. Tom was very clever and mischievous and would use his cleverness in mischievous ways.
  - B. Summary
    1. I really enjoyed this book, and I recommend this book to readers of all ages.
  - C. This book was a very enjoyable one, and it was very fun to read.

Twain, Mark. *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. Dover Publications, 1998