

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

FACT/INFERENCE CHART

INSTRUCTIONS: If facts are provided, use them to draw an inference. Write your inference in the space provided. If an inference is provided, find the evidence to back it up. Write your facts in the space provided.

FACT

1. "heaps of old greasy cards scattered around over the floor, and old whisky bottles, and a couple of masks made out of black cloth; and all over the walls was the ignorantest kind of words and pictures, made with charcoal" (41).

2. _____

3. "Whenever you leave a dead snake its mate always comes there and curls around it" (42).

4. Huck wanted to throw some of the spilled salt "over my left shoulder and keep off the bad luck" (13). "It would fetch bad luck" (42) to "talk about the dead man and guess out how he come to be killed" (42). "He made me take off the rattles and tie them around his wrist, too" (43). "Handling a snake-skin was...awful bad luck" (43).

5. When Huck hears that the town thinks his murder "was done by a runaway...named Jim" (46) he is startled and starts to say something in Jim's defense before he thinks better of it. He gets "so uneasy [he] couldn't set still" (47).

INFERENCE

1. What probably happened in this old house?

2. "...we reckoned the people left in a hurry" (41).

3. What superstitions could this fact help to explain?

4. What can we tell about these characters?

5. Why is Huck startled by the idea that people would believe Jim is a murderer? Give at least two different answers.

6. Huck tells Mrs. Loftus that he will “make a clean breast and tell her everything” (48), but he does no such thing. In fact, he is able on very short notice to create quite an elaborate lie.

6. What does Huck’s easy lying ability tell us about his character?

7. “Pap always said, take a chicken when you get a chance” and “it warn’t no harm to borrow things, if you was meaning to pay them back some time” (52) but Pap doesn’t really mean to pay anything back.

7. Draw an inference about Pap.

8. Huck wants to find a way to save the man who is left to drown on the *Walter Scott*. He also wants to save the men who left him so they can be caught and punished.

8. Draw an inference about Huck.

9. from Chapter 13: _____

9. Huck can spin quite a yarn.

10. from Chapter 14: _____

10. Jim does not understand the story of Solomon.

11. _____

11. Huck and Jim have become great friends.
