



For auditions, please read through the **Character Descriptions**, then choose one and memorize lines IN CHARACTER from the **Lines to Memorize** that follow. Directors will be able to cast all roles from your memorization and cold readings during auditions.

CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

Children

TOM SAWYER - Tom is a mischievous boy with an active imagination who spends most of his time getting himself, and often his friends, into and out of trouble. Despite his mischief, Tom has a good heart and a strong moral conscience.

SID SAWYER - Tom's half-brother. Sid is a goody-goody who enjoys getting Tom into trouble. He is mean-spirited but presents a superficial show of model behavior. He is thus the opposite of Tom, who is warmhearted but behaves badly.

ALFRED TEMPLE - A well-dressed new boy in town who takes his schoolwork very seriously.

BEN ROGERS - One of Tom's friends, whom Tom persuades to whitewash Aunt Polly's fence.

JIM HOLLIS - Another of Tom's adventurous friends.

HUCKLEBERRY FINN – Huck is an uneducated, superstitious boy, the son of the town drunkard. Although he sometimes is deceived by tall tales, Huck is a shrewd judge of character. He has a sunny disposition and a well-developed, if naively natural, sense of morality.

JOE HARPER - Tom's number one pal who runs away with Tom and Huck to Jackson's Island but is the first to become home sick.

AMY LAWRENCE - Becky Thatcher's rival for Tom. She dislikes Becky. Amy is Tom's first love, but is swept from his thoughts the moment he sees Becky.

JANIE HARDIN - Classmate of Tom and friend of Becky.

GRACIE MILLER - Classmate of Tom and friend of Becky.

SUSAN HARPER - Joe's sister and Becky's friend.

BECKY THATCHER - Judge Thatcher's pretty, daughter. From almost the minute she moves to town, Becky is the "Adored Unknown" who stirs Tom's lively romantic sensibility.

Adults

AUNT POLLY - Tom's aunt and guardian, is a simple, kindhearted woman who struggles to balance her love for her nephew with her duty to discipline him. She generally fails in her attempts to keep Tom under control because, although she worries about Tom's safety, she seems to fear constraining him too much.

MRS. HARPER – Joe and Susan's mother and Aunt Polly's friend and neighbor.

SCHOOLMASTER DOBBIN - teacher tasked with keeping order in tom's classroom. Tries to instill precision and neatness in his pupils.

MUFF POTTER - A naïve, trusting soul and a hapless drunk who befriends Injun Joe. Potter is kind and grateful toward Tom and Huck.

INJUN JOE A violent, villainous man who commits murder and becomes a robber. His predominant motivation is revenge. He has suffered social exclusion.

DR. ROBINSON - A respected local physician with a sordid side. He wants to use a corpse from the graveyard for medical experiments.

PREACHER - The minister of the town church.

SHERIFF – Tasked with finding Dr. Robinson’s murderer.

LINES TO MEMORIZE

TOM SAWYER – “We were going to fight today weren't we? Well, I sort of thought of it early this morning, but when Aunt Polly said she wanted me to paint this fence, why everything else just sort of slipped my mind. Course. It's very partickler work. I'm just letting Alfred work on it for a few minutes. I wasn't aiming to let anybody else work on that fence but, but now that I let Alfred -Well, I guess maybe you can take a few strokes, soon as Alfred gets through. You have to be awful careful, you know...”

BECKY THATCHER – “You made me tear it! I hate you, Tom Sawyer! You're just as mean as you can be, to sneak up on a person like that. You know you're going to tell on me, and oh, what shall I do? I'll be whipped, and I never was whipped in school!”

HUCKLEBERRY FINN – “Why you take your cat, and go and get in the graveyard where somebody that was wicked has been buried. And when it's midnight, a devil will come but you can't see ‘em. You can only hear ‘em. And when he's takin’ that feller away, you heave the cat after ‘em and say, “Devil foller corpse, cat foller devil, wart foller cat, I'm done with you!” That'll fetch any wart.”

AUNT POLLY – “Huckleberry Finn! You climb right out of there. Just look at you! After all the Widow Douglas has done to make a nice, clean, respectful boy of you! Why are you skulking around like this anyway? ... Don't stop to think up one of your fibs now. What have you done wrong?”

MUFF POTTER – “Oh, folks, I done an awful thing, but I beg you not to think so hard of me. I didn't do it a purpose. I liked the young doctor. I liked all my neighbors, and I love their children, and tried to befriend him what I could. It was the drink that did it, friends, and I reckon I'm a going to pay for it. Don't forget me. You bring your children to my grave and you warn ‘em about the evils of drink. And tell ‘em what happened to poor Muff Potter and Preacher, you pray for my soul. “

INJUN JOE – “... you done more than that. Five years ago you drove me away from your father's kitchen one night when I come to ask for something to eat. You said I warn't there for no good, and when I swore I'd get even with you if you took a hundred years, your father had me jailed for a vagrant. Did you think I'd forgot? Now I've got you, and you've got to settle...”

SCHOOLMASTER DOBBIN – “Alfred Temple --ah! I should like to show the whole room just what a perfect page can look like. Compare that, for example, with this one. Thomas Sawyer, there are five big blots on this page, three words misspelled, and the writing is very irregular. You will remain during the recess, and rewrite the whole lesson. The rest of you may put away your books. We now adjourn for recess.”