Skilled Trades Apprenticeship Test Study Guide
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Tom comes home at supper-time. He is a real country boy. Tom always has had an adventurous spirit. Daring supper, Aunt Polly tells him that he must be whipped. Tom is unspeakably unhappy. He sobs and says that his sister is still weeks from the birth and that his father is still away from home. Tom's half-brother, Huck, is there, and Tom's shot himself to disguise his tears.

Tom goes out of the house in a huff. Tom runs out of the house in a huff. Tom runs down the street. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets a man who looks like his own brother. Tom and the new arrival exchange names and eventually become friends for life. Tom becomes a lifelong friend.

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Tom comes home at supper time. His clothes are dirty and his head is even dirtier. He has been skipped school that afternoon and went instead to the river to catch minnows and play marbles. Tom and his friend Huckleberry Finn find a shipman’s trunk filled with seashells and sea treasures. They are overwhelmed and exclaim: “It’s a treasure chest!” Tom’s aunt is satisfied.

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