Making The Move To Elearning Putting Your Course Online Lisa Chamberlin
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scouring the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects carefully on Tom’s mischief and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime. His mother is astonished to see him. She tells him that he has been skipped school that afternoon and that he must be whipped. Tom’s heart sinks, and he knows that his mother is still aware of his bad behavior. Tom’s half-brother, Huckleberry Finn, is also present. Tom asks Huckleberry to help him dispose of his mother’s wrath. Tom goes out of the house to wash the dishes. While washing, Tom’s mother arrives and asks him to help her with the housework. Tom agrees and eventually confesses the novices in the way house.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Jim passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of money. Jim almost agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.