The Take Action Guide To World Class Learners How To Create A Campus Without Borders
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Tom comes home at supper. His mother has told him he has been skipped school that afternoon and must do extra homework in consequence. He has cut school and can tell Aunt Polly is satisfied, though Tom's half-brother, Sid, is still away from home, but not Tom. Aunt Polly is satisfied, but Tom has warned his aunt not to tell anyone that he skipped school.

Tom goes out of the house into a dark street. There is a hush about the town. While wandering the streets of St. Petersburg, Tom meets a man who is whispering. He gains the courage to speak to the strange man and eventually joins the man on his way home.

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Tom comes home at supper time. He is in a state of ecstacy. He has had an adventure. He has been skipped school that afternoon and went over to Tom Sawyer island. The island is deserted and shows how Tom’s uncle is still away from home. Tom’s half-brother, Huck, is playing marbles and Tom has secured the ball himself to disguise his absence. Tom goes out of the house in a state of excitement.

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