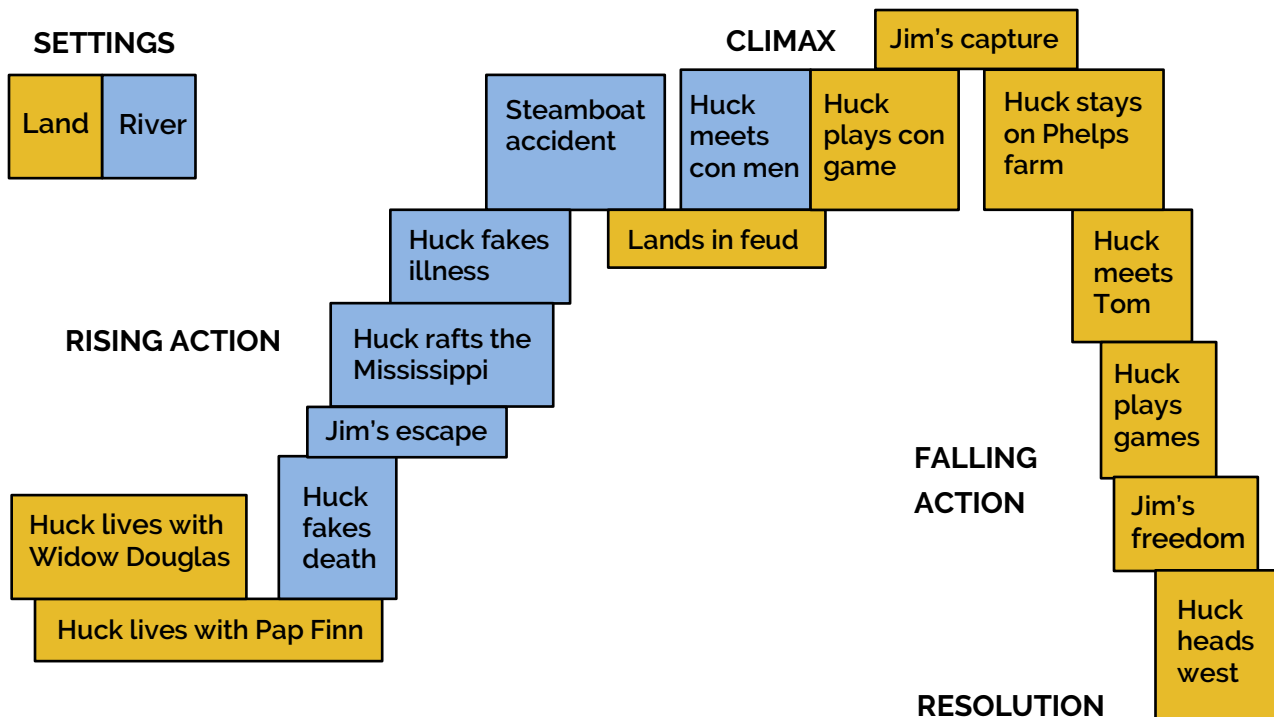




Huckleberry Finn Scene-by-Scene 5Ws

A plot map is a scene-by-scene profile of the action in a narrative. The map is a useful tool for analyzing structure and inferring the author's purpose. Use the plot map below to summarize the overall plot and important scenes of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and to analyze the structure and themes of the novel.



1. Interpret the plot map.

What is the setting of the story?

The story begins in St. Petersburg, Missouri, and then moves on to include Jackson's Island, the Mississippi River, Illinois, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

List an event that takes place on land.

List an event that takes place on the river.

What overall pattern do you see?

Does the action rise or fall on land?

Does the action rise or fall on the river?

2. Select an event from the plot map. Find and read the event in the novel and summarize the action by answering the 5Ws below.

Plot map event chosen:

Setting: Where?

Who?

What?

When?

Why?

How?

3. Write a short paragraph summarizing the scene.

RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

RL.11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.11-12.5 Analyze how an author's choices concerning how to structure specific parts of a text (e.g., the choice of where to begin or end a story, the choice to provide a comedic or tragic resolution) contribute to its overall structure and meaning as well as its aesthetic impact.

W.11-12.4 Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.

Answer Key

1. Interpret the plot map.

What is the setting of the story?

The story begins in St. Petersburg, Missouri, and then moves on to include Jackson's Island, the Mississippi River, Illinois, Kentucky, and Arkansas.

List an event that takes place on land.

Huck lives with Pap Finn.

List an event that takes place on the river.

Huck rafts the Mississippi with Jim.

What overall pattern do you see?

The rising action, including Jim's escape, takes place on the river.

Does the action rise or fall on land?

falls

Does the action rise or fall on the river?

rises