

MARK TWAIN'S
"TOM SAWYER"

SCENE 1 (PROLOGUE)

on the attic bedroom of
Aunt Polly's house

SID is dressed and
ready for school, but
TOM is just pulling on
his pants when a loud
"YEOWL" is heard, O.S..

Tom moves quickly to
the open window,
returns the signal with
a hushed "MEOW", then
calls down.]

TOM
(LOUD WHISPER)

HUCK?
(NO ANSWER)

JOE?...

on AUNT POLLY,
standing in the kitchen
below.

MARK TWAIN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I
WISH TO TELL YOU A STORY
ABOUT A BOY WHO LIVED A
GREAT MANY YEARS AGO IN
THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY,
NOT FAR FROM HERE. HIS
NAME IS TOM. TOM SAWYER.

SID obediently hurries
downstairs.

AUNT POLLY
YOU-U-U TOM! SID! TIME
FOR SCHOOL!

Another "YEOWL" is
heard. Hurrying to get
his clothes on, Tom
starts to answer with
another "MEOW" but Aunt
Polly's voice stops
him.

AUNT POLLY
TOM! WHAT ON EARTH ARE
YOU UP TO?

Another "YEOWL", more insistent. Tom grabs his fishing pole and starts to climb out the window and down.

TOM
(CALLING DOWN TO HER)
NOTHING.

A final "YEOWL" is followed by the sound of rocks "CLATTERING" against garbage cans.

AUNT POLLY
WELL GET A MOVE ON THEN!
TOM
YES'M, I'M COMING...!