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Student notes for: “Playing Hooky”

Day: 1

1. The first sentence of the story is written in passive voice. What effect does this have on the tone of the story?

2. In the first paragraph of the story, Twain writes about Tom “going into captivity and fetters”? By using these words, what metaphor does the author infer to communicate Tom’s feelings about school?

3. Think about the meaning of the word “odious” at the end of the first paragraph. Why does Tom feel that going to school today is particularly “odious”?

