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How does Huck effectively change over the course of the novel? Or does he change at all?

asked by: shmooper
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How could Twain say that there is no plot and no moral to his story?

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Answers posted: 3

How do Huck and Tom differ in their feelings for and about Jim?

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Answers posted: 2

What's the difference between the way that Huck deceives and the way that the duke and king do?

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Answers posted: 1

Which characters recognize the friendship between Huck and Jim, and which do not?

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Answers posted: 1

Could an older person have had the realizations Huck did?

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Answers posted: 6

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Opinion:

“IMO, huck does not change at all.”

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Opinion:

“I agree with ellen. Huck realizes that his nonconformist views are preferable to the norms of society. Mark Twain said this about his novel: “Huck Finn is a book of mine about a boy with a sound heart and a deformed conscience that come into conflict, and conscience suffers defeat.” His conscience—deformed by a racist society—says that what he is doing is wrong and he will go to hell for it. Eventually he decides he would rather go to hell than turn Jim in and have him hanged for running away. Up to this point, he has been struggling to do the “right” thing, but when he rips up the letter to Miss Watson, he stands up and does the societally wrong thing but the morally right thing. We applaud this. When he returns to society and reconnects with Tom (the “civilized” boy), he sees even more clearly how wrong society is. Then he decides to stay away from society at the end of the novel, and most reader’s can’t blame him.”

posted by [Coco](#) - 232 days ago [comments \(0\)](#) This answer has [no rating](#)

Opinion:

“I don’t think Huck changes much in terms of his internal compass – he had just as many independent thoughts in the beginning of the novel as at the end of the novel. However, he has seen much more of the world by the end of the novel, and I got the feeling that he was just a bit more mature and confident externally, with society, by the end.”

posted by [dannyg](#) - 393 days ago [comments \(0\)](#) This answer has [no rating](#)

Opinion:

“Huck doesn’t change at all over the course of the novel. As soon as Tom shows up at the end, Huck continues treating Jim just like he did at the beginning of their journey. It’s disappointing that, in the end,

Huck hasn't really learned much about racism or how to treat "slaves" as real people when he is in the company of civilized society."

posted by [zephyr19](#) - 414 days ago [comments \(0\)](#)   This answer has [no rating](#)

Opinion:

"Huck starts out as a rebel against society, who may or may not take to being civilized. At the end, he remains a rebel but he has clarified his vision for where he disagrees with society: – he wants Jim to be free and is willing to stand up to society and its rules to do so – he understands hypocrisy of society much more clearly – he views Jim as more a member of his family than anyone else – he sees Tom a bit differently as well"

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