Games Of Life Explorations In Ecology Evolution And Behaviour
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scrounging the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with jam, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out theatrically. “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects serenely on Tom’s misdeeds and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at supper time with a tale of how he has played hooky from school that morning and what miserable time he’s had. He tells how his teacher has written about his adventures. During supper, Aunt I dares to ask him what he has been doing. Aunt Polly is satisfied. She’s been lured by a false promise. Tom knows how the beat and shows her that his colours are still arrayed in his best shirt. Tom’s half-brother Dick soon appears with a new arrival who is the new master, Mark Twain. Tom knows the kind of man he is and is already scheming ways to keep him out of Tom’s path.

When he returns home in the evening, Tom finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirty clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whiten the house. He passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alibi,” a kind of medal. He almost succeeds, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his toil.
The novel opens with Aunt Polly scrounging the house in search of her nephew, Tom Sawyer. She finds him in the closet, discovers that his hands are covered with ink, and prepares to give him a whipping. Tom cries out dramatically, “Look behind you!” and when Aunt Polly turns, Tom escapes over the fence. After Tom is gone, Aunt Polly reflects sadly on Tom’s naughtiness and how she lets him get away with too much.

Tom comes home at suppertime. He tells Aunt Polly that he was not at school all day. She is surprised, but she is not angry. She asks him what he did all day. Tom tells her that he helped a man with his garden. Aunt Polly is satisfied, and Tom goes back to his room. He is planning to go to school tomorrow. He has heard that there is a new teacher at school, and he is excited about it.

Tom and the new teacher are both very strict, but Tom is determined to do well. He studies hard and does his homework. When he comes home in the evening, he finds Aunt Polly waiting for him. She notices his dirtied clothes and resolves to make him work the next day, a Saturday, as punishment.

On Saturday morning, Aunt Polly sends Tom out to whitewash the fence. Tom passes by, and Tom tries to get him to do some of the whitewashing in return for a “white alley,” a kind of marble. Aunt Polly agrees, but Aunt Polly appears and chases him off, leaving Tom alone with his task.