

Around the World in Eighty Days

Jules Verne

Read this passage. Circle any words in the highlighted section that you do not understand.

Passepartout was very surprised to see his master home so early. He was even more surprised when he heard him say:

'We leave in ten minutes for Dover and France.'

Passepartout did not seem to understand.

'You are going to leave home?'

'Yes,' replied Phileas Fogg. 'We are going to make the tour of the world.'

Passepartout could not believe his ears.

'The tour of the world?' he said stupidly.

'In eighty days,' replied Mr Fogg. 'So we have not a moment to lose. We will not take much baggage. Only two changes of clothing. We will buy what else we need on the way. Go and get it ready.'

Passepartout would have liked to make a reply. He could not. He left Mr Fogg and went to his own room. There he fell into a chair.

'And I wanted a quiet life!' he said to himself.

By eight o'clock both Mr Fogg and his servant were ready.



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The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

Mark Twain

Read this passage. Circle any words in the highlighted section that you do not understand.

Tom was painting very hard, and Aunt Polly was going back into the house with a slipper in her hand.

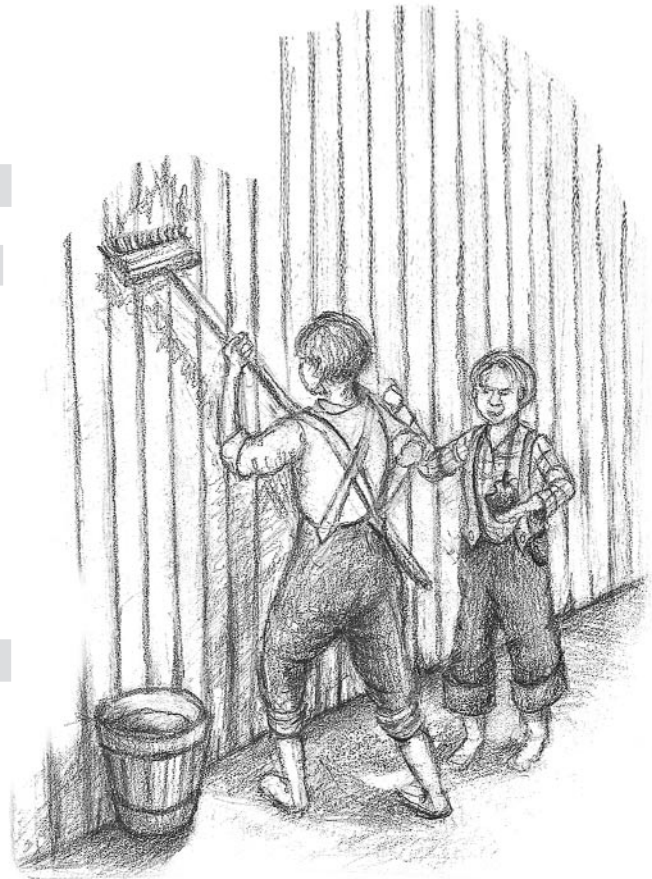
Tom's new interest in painting did not last for long. He began to think of the fun he had planned for this day, and he felt worse than ever. Soon the other boys would come along, and they would laugh at him for having to work. The thought of that burnt him like fire.

Suddenly he had a wonderful idea. He took up his brush and started to work.

Ben Rogers came along the road, eating an apple. He stopped to watch.

Tom went on painting. He paid no attention to Ben. He stood back to look at his work, as an artist might look at a beautiful painting. Then he painted the top of the next board, and stood back to look at it again.

Ben came and stood beside him. Tom's mouth watered for the apple, but he kept on working.



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