

# Module 7

## Great books





# Unit 2

It is still read and loved.

# Revision

Look at the pictures and say who they are and why they are famous.



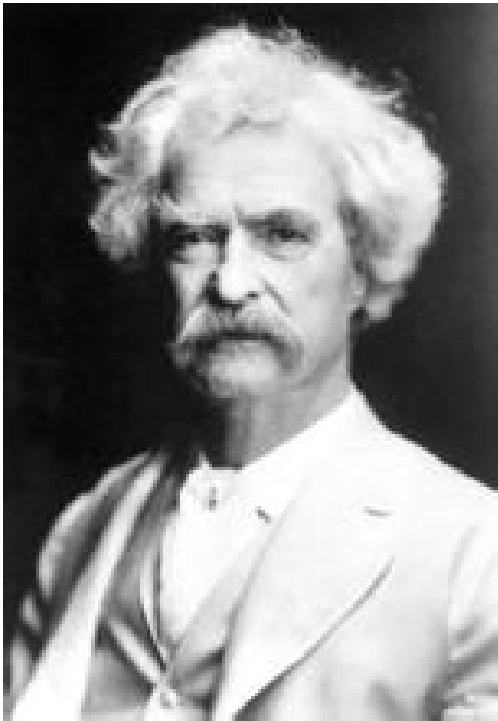
**Confucius**

**Confucius was a great teacher and thinker in ancient China. He lived over 2000 years ago and he is well-known in many countries.**



**Shakespeare**

**William Shakespeare was English and wrote plays and poems. Although he died about 400 years, his plays are still seen, and his poems are still read by many people.**



**Mark Twain**

**Mark Twain was an American writer. His stories are set in the south of the US over 100 years ago, and readers still enjoy them very much.**





# Work in pairs

Read the first paragraph of the passage in Activity 2 quickly and try to answer the questions. Use the words and expression in the box to help you.

adventure [*n.* 冒险(经历)] hero

nineteenth century treasure

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**1. What kind of story is *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?**

**It is an adventure story.**

**2. When and where is the story set?**

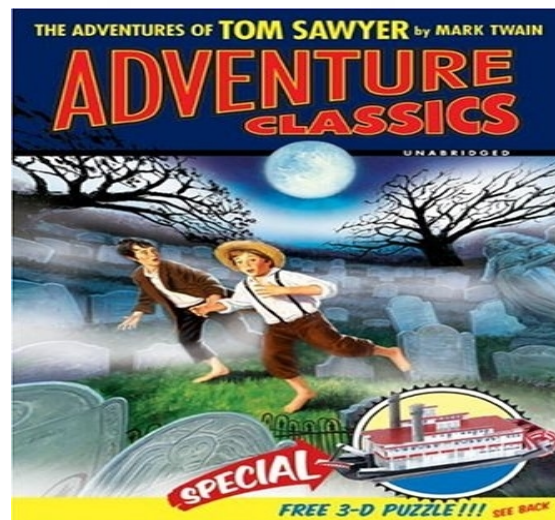
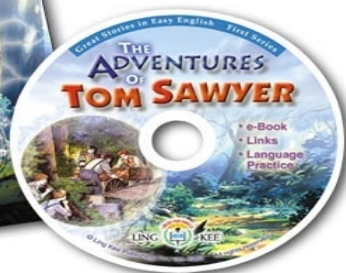
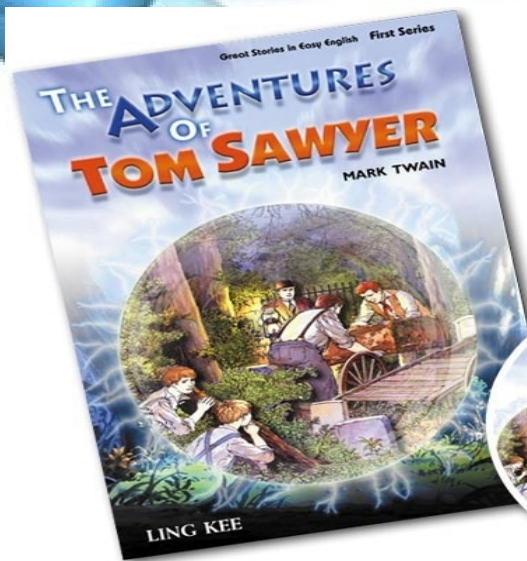
**The story is set in the town of St Petersburg, Missouri, in the US, in the nineteenth century.**



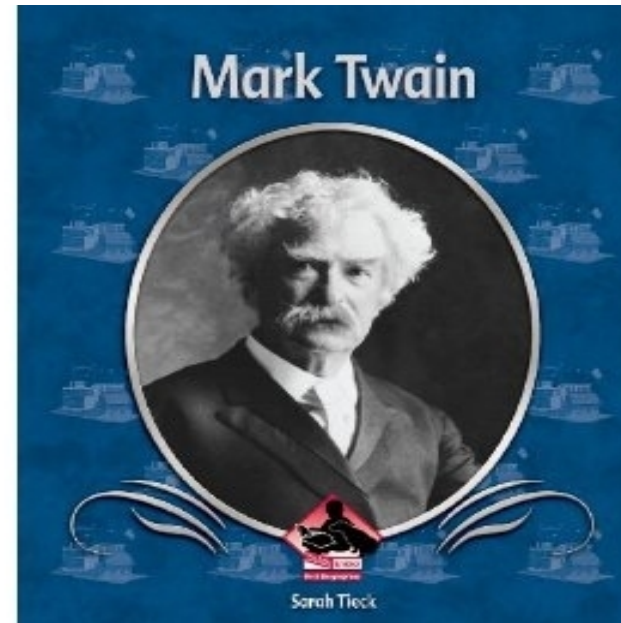
**Read the passage and check your answers to Activity 1.**



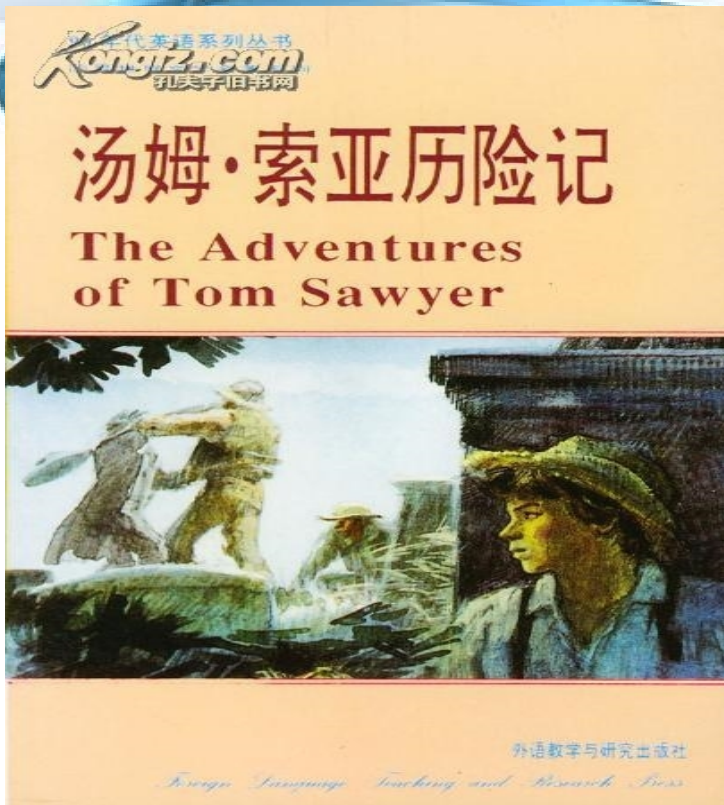




One of my favourite great books is *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, by Mark Twain. The story is set in the town of St Petersburg, Missouri, in the US, in the nineteenth century.

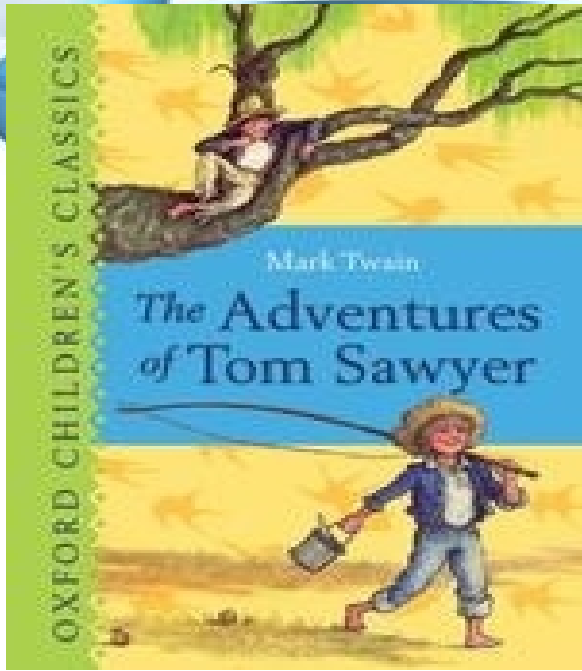


*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* is a great book. It is more than an adventure story. Mark Twain wrote it in 1876.



It describes people's lives in the southern (*adj.* 南方的) states of America at that time.

state *n.* 州; 邦



It tells how young people grow, how people love each other and how bad people pay for their actions.

*n.* 举止; 行为;  
情节

**Complete the table with the information about *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*.**

	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
<b>Writer</b>	<b>Mark Twain</b>
<b>Place where the story is set</b>	<b>St Petersburg in the US</b>



	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
<b>Main characters</b>	<b>Tom Sawyer, Huck Finn, Injun Joe, Becky</b>

## *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

**Stories the  
book tells**

*n.* 洞穴

**The adventures of Tom: He and Huck Finn run away to an island in the Mississippi River. Tom has more trouble because a bad man named Injun Joe is looking for him. Later, Tom escapes from a cave with another friend, Becky. He also finds Injun Joe's treasure box and takes it away.**



*The Adventures of Tom  
Sawyer*

**Theme**

**It tells how young people  
grow, how people love  
each other and how bad  
people pay for their  
actions.**





	<i>The Adventures of Tom Sawyer</i>
<b>Features</b>	<b>It is written in everyday English, and the dialogues sound especially real.</b>

**Complete the Your favourite book column in the table.**

	<b>Your favourite book</b>
<b>Writer</b>	
<b>Place where the story is set</b>	
<b>Main characters</b>	
<b>Stories the book tells</b>	
<b>Theme</b>	
<b>Features</b>	



# Learning to learn

**Noticing words and expressions that are similar or repeated will help you understand the theme of a passage. For example, the expressions *many adventures*, *run away* and *treasure box* in *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* show us that the story will be an exciting adventure.**

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**Complete the passage with the correct form of the words in the box.**

dialogue (*n.* 对话) everyday (*adj.* 日常的; 普通的) neighbour (*n.* 邻居) state

Set in the (1) state of Missouri, in the US, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* is a lively story full of fun. Tom and his friend Huck have many adventures.

My favourite part is when their family and (2) neighbours go to church because they think Tom and Huck are dead (*adj.* 死的; 去世的)! The book is also full of wonderful (3) dialogues. The conversations are written in the (4) everyday English of nineteenth-century Missouri, and sound especially real. It is a truly great book!

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