

Forces Against Finn Answer Key

Internal Conflicts (Sample)

- **Addiction to alcohol** → Controls Finn's choices and prevents him from being a responsible father.
- **Shame and resentment** → Fuels his anger toward Huck and society, leading to violent outbursts.
- **Fear of insignificance** → Drives him to assert dominance, but only deepens his isolation.

External Conflicts (Sample)

- **Conflict with Huck** → His abuse of Huck leads Huck to resist and eventually plan escape.
- **Conflict with society/townspeople** → His gambling, debts, and violence destroy his reputation.
- **Conflict with poverty** → Traps him in cycles of neglect and desperation, worsening his decline.

Reflection (Sample)

Finn's internal conflict with addiction is the most destructive because it fuels every other struggle. His drinking causes neglect of Huck, violence in the home, and social ruin. Without this addiction, he might have overcome poverty or rebuilt relationships. The novel shows how personal battles can spiral outward, creating lasting harm for both Finn and those around him.