

English 11 Summer Reading

In preparation for next year's study of American literature, you will be reading the following novel this summer:

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

You may buy the paperback version of this novel, sign out this novel from a library, or read an online version of the novel. Please do not read an abridged version of this story.

In addition to reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, you must do the following 2 things:

- 1) Complete 10 dialectical journal (reading response journal) responses. Make 2 vertical columns on a piece of paper. At the top of the left column, write/type **Quote and Page number**. At the top of the right column, write/type **My Response**. (See the sample chart below.) The chart may be typed or hand-written.

Quote and Page Number	My Response
1.	1.
2.	2.

(Make a similar chart for 10 entries; you do not need to have a horizontal line between each entry.)

As you read, fill in the chart with notable quotes. Give your response to that quote. You may choose a quote because of its significant meaning, or you may choose a quote because of its literary style (imagery, tone, characterization, figures of speech, etc.). I suggest you choose some meaningful quotes and some literary style quotes. (A quote might include both aspects) Your response may explain the meaning of the quote or reveal the literary device found in the quote; it might also include why you chose this quote. See the enclosed example of a dialectical journal to get an idea of what is included in the response section.

- 2) Write a ½ -1 page paper in which you give **your opinion** of this question after reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*:

What was Mark Twain's position on slavery?

Support your answer with evidence from *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

Please keep this in mind as you read this novel: Mark Twain was a realist writer; he wrote about the world as he saw it, not as we wish it would be. As a result, he will show the ugly side of life and people as they were in the time setting of this book (mid-1800's). Also, at the time in which he wrote, it was not considered unacceptable to write in the text, words about people that were very derogatory.

This assignment will be due on the first day of school. You may type or handwrite the assignment. You will be graded simply for doing all that this assignment requires, not on the quality of your writing or your responses/opinions since I have not yet taught you the things I expect from your writing. Please do attempt to employ good grammar when writing.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me: showard@cccrusader.org

I think you will find this book humorous and interesting, but with some very powerful messages. Happy reading!

I look forward to seeing you in September!

Mrs. Howard