

## ASSORTED HUCK FINN WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

### Descriptive Essay

Read some of the descriptions Huck provides of natural settings; then write a descriptive essay about scene you are familiar with.

### Mark Twain's Style

Using today's dialects, try to describe a contemporary incident. Use the 1<sup>st</sup> person point of view in either of the two ways Huck uses it: as a central character in an incident or as a spectator of the incident.

### Analysis Essay

Select a fictional character who is in opposition to his/her society. Analyze the conflict and discuss the moral and ethical implications for both the individual and society.

Discuss and analyze at least two incidents when Huck is shocked and disgusted by human behavior. Be sure to be as specific as is necessary to support your conclusions.

### Persuasive Essay

The river (nature) is a sanctuary; the shore (society) is a menace. To what extent is this statement true; to what extent is this statement false? Use specific examples and quotations to support your conclusions.

Some have claimed that the Mississippi River is one of the main characters in the book. Discuss its role in the novel, using specific events and/or quotations to support your conclusions.

Mark Twain warned you not to look for a moral. Nevertheless, many "truths" appear through the characters' words and actions, as well as through Huck's observations. What are these "truths"? Again use quotations to support your assertions.