

DIALECTIC JOURNAL

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

As we read Mark Twain's novel, you are expected to keep a dialectic journal. ("Dialectic" means the art or practice of logical discussion.) You may choose from the list below to complete your **12 entries**. (Remember that you may write in response to each choice only twice.)

Create a 3-column journal. The **first** column should contain the chapter number and page reference; the **second** column, the passage; the **third** column, your response to the passage.

The most important aspect of this assignment is your response to each passage. It will be graded on originality, quality, and thoughtful content. Your response should be at least one paragraph in length.

Space out your entries: #1-#4 should relate to Chapters 1-12; #5-#8, to Chapters 13-27; #9-#12, to Chapters 28-42.

JOURNAL CHOICES

1. React/respond to a character - your initial reactions, a point where your reaction changes or becomes more defined, and your final reaction to the character.
2. Comment on human relationships within the text.
3. Find a current news article (magazine or newspaper) and comment on how the article relates to the text.
4. Find a published poem and comment on how the poem relates to the text.
5. Discuss the author's comments on education, women, or government.
6. Discuss the author's use of humor.
7. Discuss the importance of the river.
8. Discuss the theme of prejudice.
9. Discuss the author's use of dialect.
10. Discuss the inclusion of superstition.
11. Connect the "outcast" theme to the text.
12. Discuss the significance of decision-making.