

Answer the following questions TYPED on a separate sheet of paper. This work is due the first day of class. Begin by including the MLA heading.

1. What is a “stretcher,” according to Huck Finn?
2. Why does Mark Twain begin the novel with a reference to *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*?
3. How does Huck feel about being “civilized”?
4. From whose point of view is the novel written?
5. Why does Pap come to see Huck?
6. What kind of parent is Pap?
7. Where is Huck’s mom?
8. What is the purpose of Tom Sawyer’s gang?
9. Why does Huck resign from the gang?
10. How does Huck escape from Pap?
11. Why has Jim run away?
12. Why does Huck leave with Jim instead of turning him in?
13. What do Jim and Huck find in a house that has been floating down the river?
14. What does Huck do for the murderers he finds in the wrecked boat?
15. Why are Jim and Huck unable to arrive at Cairo?
16. Huck plays a trick on Jim, pretending that the fog and their separation were only a dream. How does Jim react to this joke?
17. What is the significance of Huck’s apologizing to Jim?
18. In Tennessee, Huck encounters the Grangerford and Shepherdson families. Why are they in a feud with one another?
19. How do Huck’s actions trigger a battle between the families?
20. What has Jim been doing while Huck is staying with the Grangerfords?
21. Describe the life that Huck and Jim experience on the raft floating down the Mississippi River.
22. Who are the duke and the dauphin (king)?
23. What does Huck realize about the duke and the dauphin?
24. In Bricksville, why does Sherburn shoot Boggs?
25. Sherburn makes a speech to the mob that wants to lynch him for shooting Boggs. What does he say to them to call them out?
26. What does Huck enjoy about the circus?
27. The duke and king are unsuccessful in presenting Shakespeare so they devise a new plan. Why are women and children not allowed to attend the show?
28. How does the crowd react to this show?
29. Who is Elizabeth and why is Jim so sad about her?
30. Why do the duke and the king decide to pose as the Wilks brothers?
31. What upsets Huck about the situation with the Wilks brothers?
32. What is discovered in the coffin?
33. What does the king do to Jim?
34. Why does Huck write a letter to Miss Watson?

35. Huck then decides to tear up the letter instead of sending it. What is the significance of this action?
36. When Huck arrives at the Phelps' house, for whom is he mistaken?
37. Why is Huck shocked that Tom Sawyer is willing to help him steal a slave?
38. Where does Tom get his ideas for stealing the slave?
39. Why does Tom work so hard to steal a slave who is already free?
40. What does Huck learn about his father?
41. What is Huck's next plan?
42. This novel is considered a *bildungsroman*, or a novel that deals with the development of a young person. Explain how it fits this definition.
43. The novel is presented in *episodes*, self-contained stories with their own conflicts and resolutions, which are divided by Huck's and Jim's travels on the river. Which episode was your least favorite? Explain why.
44. The novel is an example of Mark Twain's use of *satire*, which is a humorous yet critical comment on the flaws of society. Satire is achieved through the use of irony, exaggeration and caricature. What are some elements of society that Twain is commenting on/satirizing?
45. Twentieth century writer Ernest Hemingway commented "All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called *Huckleberry Finn*." What makes this novel so great that it influenced literature into the next century?