

Summer Reading Assignment  
Western Studies



It's summer time! No better time to slap on the sunscreen, head to the shore, and lie out on the sand with a great book. Your summer reading assignment for Western Studies is Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. You will be issued a copy of this book to take home and read, and you will be expected to return to school with it in the fall.

Here are some questions to keep in mind as you read...

- *How is Huck Finn a good example of Realist writing? What techniques does Mark Twain use to portray life in 1830's Missouri as realistically as possible?*
- *How does the relationship between Huck and Jim grow and change throughout the novel? How do these two characters grow and change as individuals throughout the novel?*
- *Huck Finn takes place almost entirely on the Mississippi River. What role does the river play in the novel? How is it more than just a setting?*
- *Ernest Hemingway once said that, "All modern American literature comes from Huckleberry Finn." After reading the novel, why do you think he said this? What ideas and themes from the novel would support this statement?*

You will be tested on this novel within the first two weeks of school in September. In order to prepare for that assessment, complete the following written assignment.

Select 1 "Recalling" question, 1 "Interpreting" question, and 1 "Synthesizing" question each of the "Reviewing the Selection" sections in the book. Answer all 3 questions in full sentences. The "Reviewing the Selection" sections are on the following pages...

Chapters 1 – 3, p. 15 - 16

Chapters 19 – 23, p. 158 – 159

Chapters 4 – 7, p. 38 – 39

Chapters 24 – 30, p. 207 – 208

Chapters 8 – 11, p. 64 – 65

Chapters 31 – 33, p. 230 – 231

Chapters 12 – 16, p. 97 – 98

Chapter 34 – Chapter the Last, p. 288 - 289

Chapters 17 – 18, p. 119 – 120

That is 3 questions per 9 sections for a grand total of 27 questions.

**HAPPY SUMMER AND HAPPY READING!!**