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Reading

Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn

In every generation writers' joke about writing the "great American novel." But Mark Twain really did. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, published in 1884, is considered by most to be Twain's masterpiece.

The story follows Huck Finn as he helps Jim, a runaway slave, to escape along the Mississippi River. The novel is filled with rich descriptions of the river and the colorful people who lived along it. He also employed humor to involve his readers in issues of justice and morality. What else helped make this book so well loved?

Twain used accents and slang words to bring his characters to life. *Huckleberry Finn* was different from anything most Americans had ever read. Twain wrote dialogue for his characters that made them sound like real people. He didn't make all his characters sound the same; instead they each had a unique voice.

Here is how Chapter One of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* begins:

"You don't know about me without you have read a book by the name of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*; but that ain't no matter. That book was made by Mr. Mark Twain, and he told the truth, mainly. There was things which he stretched, but mainly he told the truth. ..."

Can you see how this captures the way someone speaks? This style of writing greatly influenced American literature, and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is now considered a classic novel, a work of excellence that is read long after it is written.



Excerpt from **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**

You don't know about me without you have read a book by the name of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*; but that ain't no matter. That book was made by Mr. Mark Twain, and he told the truth, mainly. There was things which he stretched, but mainly he told the truth. That is nothing. I never seen anybody but lied one time or another, without it was Aunt Polly, or the widow, or maybe Mary. Aunt Polly — Tom's Aunt Polly, she is — and Mary, and the Widow Douglas is all told about in that book, which is mostly a true book, with some stretchers, as I said before.

Now the way that the book winds up is this: Tom and me found the money that the robbers hid in the cave, and it made us rich. We got six thousand dollars apiece — all gold. It was an awful sight of money when it was piled up. Well, Judge Thatcher he took it and put it out at interest, and it fetched us a dollar a day apiece all the year round — more than a body could tell what to do with. The Widow Douglas she took me for her son, and allowed she would civilize me; but it was rough living in the house all the time, considering how dismal regular and decent the widow was in all her ways; and so when I couldn't stand it no longer I lit out. I got into my old rags and my sugar-hogshead again, and was free and satisfied. But Tom Sawyer he hunted me up and said he was going to start a band of robbers, and I might join if I would go back to the widow and be respectable. So, I went back.

The widow she cried over me, and called me a poor lost lamb, and she called me a lot of other names, too, but she never meant no harm by it. She put me in them new clothes again, and I couldn't do nothing but sweat and sweat, and feel all cramped up. Well, then, the old thing commenced again. The widow rung a bell for supper, and you had to come to time. When you

got to the table you couldn't go right to eating, but you had to wait for the widow to tuck down her head and grumble a little over the victuals, though there weren't really anything the matter with them — that is, nothing only everything was cooked by itself. In a barrel of odds and ends it is different; things get mixed up, and the juice kind of swaps around, and the things go better.

After supper she got out her book and learned me about Moses and the Bulrushers, and I was in a sweat to find out all about him; but by and by she let it out that Moses had been dead a considerable long time; so then I didn't care no more about him, because I don't take no stock in dead people.

Pretty soon I wanted to smoke, and asked the widow to let me. But she wouldn't. She said it was a mean practice and wasn't clean, and I must try to not do it any more. That is just the way with some people. They get down on a thing when they don't know nothing about it. Here she was a-bothering about Moses, which was no kin to her, and no use to anybody, being gone, you see, yet finding a power of fault with me for doing a thing that had some good in it. And she took snuff, too; of course that was all right, because she done it herself.

Her sister, Miss Watson, a tolerable slim old maid, with goggles on, had just come to live with her, and took a set at me now with a spelling-book. She worked me middling hard for about an hour, and then the widow made her ease up. I couldn't stood it much longer. Then for an hour it was deadly dull, and I was fidgety. Miss Watson would say, "Don't put your feet up there, Huckleberry"; and "Don't scrunch up like that, Huckleberry — set up straight"; and pretty soon she would say, "Don't gap and stretch like that, Huckleberry — why don't you try to behave?" Then she told me all about the bad place, and I said I wished I was there. She got mad then, but I didn't mean no harm. All I wanted was to go somewhere; all I wanted was a change, I weren't particular. She said it was wicked to say what I said; said she wouldn't say it for the whole world; she was going to live so as to go to the good place. Well, I couldn't see no advantage in going where she was going, so I made up my mind I wouldn't try for it. But I never said so, because it would only make trouble, and wouldn't do no good.

Now she had got a start, and she went on and told me all about the good place. She said all a body would have to do there was to go around all day long with a harp and sing, forever and

ever. So, I didn't think much of it. But I never said so. I asked her if she reckoned Tom Sawyer would go there, and she said not by a considerable sight. I was glad about that, because I wanted him and me to be together.

Comprehension

- 1) What is the first paragraph telling about the novel?
- 2) Which things make the novel amazing as mentioned on the first page?
- 3) How was widow Douglas with Huck and why did he run away?
- 4) What offer did Tom give him and what condition was placed?
- 5) What was the supper routine of widow Douglas?
- 6) How was Huck's interaction with Miss Watson, explain what bothered him?
- 7) What does the last line tell about Huck's association with Tom?

Creative Writing

Write about your school or your neighborhood. You can include description of the building/ buildings/ people/ environment and how you feel there. What difference does it create in your life?

Use the words provided to fill in the blanks with infinitives.

Enroll be achieve study work take meet listen

accompany

Ben thought that it is amazing ----- an astronaut. He wanted -----
one since childhood. He read a lot of books about it too.

His ambition ----- his goals was high so he decided ----- in a
college.

He had thought that it was not difficult ----- an astronaut but when he started -----
-----, it became clear that it is not a joke.

One needs ----- really hard and perform the best. It is also important -----
care of health, of both body and mind.

Ben also got ----- other people who had successfully completed the program and
were now working for different organizations.

It was amazing ----- to their stories and ----- the best. Ben got the
chance ----- them and learn from them. Ben loved ----- part of their work.

Re-write the sentences by fixing the mistakes in them

We discussed the matter to him yesterday.

He avoids for meeting people.

I want you should meet him.

The boy do all the homework.

They want enjoy the party.

He enjoys to swim.

They made us to do all the work on the same day.

We missed to see the star.

I would love dance.

Ben went talk with the poor people and helped solve their problems.

She requested for his help.

Fill in the blanks with the correct tense.

Ben ----- to school yesterday. (go)

Anna ----- her food at the same time every day. (eat)

Tina had ----- to visit her aunt last weekend. (go)

We are ----- our cousins tomorrow. (meet)

I ----- go the library tomorrow. (go)

The baby ----- the paper that the children had decorated. (tear)

Anna has ----- a new dress. (buy)

Mother ----- a cake on next weekend. (bring)

The animals were ----- by the state of the zoo. (distress)

Tim will be ----- in the new city next summers. (settle)

The ----- lights of the room amazed her. (dazzle)

Choose the correct option.

Anna wants ----- English

- Learn
- To learn

Ben is excited ----- us.

- Meeting

- To meet

Anna loves -----.

- Reading
- To read

I'd like ----- a pet.

- To have
- Having

Fill in with verb which is in agreement with the subject.

The cows ----- grazing in the fields.

The flock of sheep ----- really beautiful.

Everyone in the house ----- down with fever.

Neither you nor I ----- allowed are meet them.

Either they or we ----- the ones to be blamed.

Neither you nor I ----- going.

None of the boys ----- going to the party.

Fill in the blanks with the phrasal verbs given below, change the tense if needed.

Walk out Add up Break down Break in Break out

Bring down Bring up Call around Call back Call up

Call on Calm down Catch up Check in Cheer up

When the family sat down for dinner, they ----- the subject of his graduation.

The car ----- in the middle of the road.

The prisoner ----- of this jail.

People have been ----- individually to attend the function.

Replace the adverbs with adverb phrases:

The bird flies high.

Go away.

They have recently arrived.

He is hurriedly running away.

Some many much A lot A few too much

 Little Bunch Dozen too less

Fill in the blanks with the quantifiers given above.

----- of the people came to party.

This is a problem known to -----.

The level of water is ----- to travel.

There is ----- milk left for the guests.

----- of the water spilt from the bucket.

Fill in the blanks with the correct option.

The house is -----

Big and brown

Brown and big

Big Brown

Brown Big

We live in a ----- house

Big and brown

Brown and big

Big Brown

Brown Big

Tim has a ----- ball

Red, white and blue

red white blue

red and white and blue

This book is -----

Harry potter, new, square and interesting book

New, square, interesting, harry potter book

Square, new, book of harry book, interesting

Change the following to indirect speech.

Tim said, "I am very sad".

Paul said to us, "I will work harder from tomorrow".

She said, "let's eat our food".

Change the following sentences by replacing the participle with finite verb.

Having lost my keys, I made new ones.

Having no guide with us, we lost our way.

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