

Summer Reading English 2 CP

Novel: *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* Mark Twain

In order to be prepared for the fun adventures of English and to reinforce important concepts and analytical skills, you will be reading a novel about a young boy overcoming the odds of a difficult home life and social inequalities.

****Remember that your reading assignment should be completed and posted into your Google Classroom prior to the first day of school. This counts as the first test grade of the year. When you return to school you will have an in-class written assignment to further check your understanding of the novel.**

As you read the novel you will keep a journal that shows how you are interacting with the text. This journal should be posted into the GoogleDoc template that you will have in your Google Classroom. Assignment is due BEFORE the first day of school.

Instructions:

- For every **4 chapters** of reading (there are **43 total**) , you will write a journal entry between **7-10 sentences**. You will choose a direct quote/passage from the text and write about its overall significance, deeper meaning, and/or how you relate to it. (Your passage does not count as part of your sentences)
- You should have a **total of 10** journal entries
- Ideas you may choose to include:
 - Literary Analysis
 - *Metaphors, allegory, similes, allusions, morals etc.
- Ideas for experiences you may choose to relate:
 - Memories
 - Other works/ pop-culture
 - Real-life scenarios
 - Ethical/ social dilemmas



**** Your entry should have:**

1. A date
2. A citation/passage that is part of a quote sandwich.
3. Make sure you are introducing the quote AND explaining its significance.
4. An analytical response of 7 to 10 sentences
5. Writing should be in MLA format (Times New Roman, 12 pt font, double spaced).

Should you have questions please reach out: anamelnichenko@andersonchristian.net

Friendly word of advice- Don't wait until the last minute to start reading, and enjoy your summer!

***** HONOR PLEDGE: At the end of the journal, type the following honor pledge: I pledge that I your name read (not skimmed) all of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. I pledge that I did not plagiarize (copy, use online source, or AI-generate) any part of my assignment.

Sample Journal Response:

First Last Name

Teacher Name

English 10th

Date

Sample Response:

As Huckleberry Finn progresses through the story we see him struggle with various emotional and physical things. There are hardships that he must overcome and struggles that he must fight through. At one point in the novel, he is explaining why people make the choices that they make stating: “That’s just the way: a person does a low-down thing, and then he don’t want to take no consequences of it. Thinks as long as he can hide it, it ain’t no disgrace”. Huck argues that when people act immorally or disgrace themselves it doesn’t seem as terrible as long as no one else knows. It is as though, as humans, we place our worth in the opinion of others. If we choose to do something wrong, it isn’t terrible until it is found out. There is no one who will be able to judge or condemn us and so we go on living our lives under the facade of perfection. In a social context this logic seems fine because, according to an old adage “ignorance is bliss”. Perhaps in hiding our flaws we are, in a sense, preserving social order. The contrast to this logic lies in the root of Christianity. We are to walk before our God in a holy manner because he is holy. There is no use in pretending to be something we are not because whatever someone does in secret will be made known. We do not live according to the standards set by man, but by the standards set by a righteous God.

