

English 10 Honors: Required Summer Reading (2019)

Since you have chosen to take 10 Honors English next year, you have some reading to do over the summer. Do a thorough reading of the assigned book. Do not skim! Taking notes as you read will be beneficial to help you complete the summer assignment and use in any discussions of the book. **You must have a hard copy of your notes in class with you the day of the test.**

Assignment – *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (Copies in Room 610)

For *Huck Finn*, you will **take notes** as you read to remember the book. Note any **themes**, your **overall perception** of the book, **key characters** (ones you like, don't like, ones who remind you of yourself or people you know), and any other ponderings you may have as you read. Besides taking some notes, there will be no formal assessment of this book choice until class begins. An anticipation guide is attached for you to complete prior to reading and to help guide your thinking while you read. Answer the general questions while you read to help with your analysis.

Anticipation Guide

Part I. This sheet will introduce you to the ideas and conflicts you will confront in your reading. Read each statement and rank it according to the columns. Then, in the space below each statement, explain why you feel the way you do.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
If something is wrong to everyone else, it should be wrong to you.				
Anyone who believed slavery was an acceptable way of life was a bad person.				
If it offensive, it is wrong.				
Society has little effect on your morality.				
It is wrong to steal, even when you are starving.				
People who are not formally educated are ignorant.				
Banned books are banned for a reason and should be left alone.				

The only person who can be your father is your biological father.				
Society's decisions on what is right and wrong are MOST of the time correct.				
What is right in our time period should be right in all time periods.				
Freedom means you can do or say anything you want.				
Members of a society are obligated to follow what is socially right and wrong.				
Those who don't want to defend their freedom should leave this country and live elsewhere.				
You should be willing to sacrifice everything you have—even your life and integrity—for freedom.				
Regardless of race, color, creed, social status, etc., all men should be free.				
Freedoms should only be for those who are willing to fight for them.				

Part II. Now answer the questions below, giving a good full explanation in your answer.

1. Is deception ever acceptable behavior? If so, when? If not, why not?
2. What is the most important thing you learned before you were 10 years old?
3. Do your views match those of the adults in your life?
4. In your opinion, when does a person become an "adult"?
5. Do you believe racism exists today? Why or why not?
6. Have you ever been stereotyped (someone has characterized you according to looks, race, economics, etc)? Explain the time that it happened.
7. Are you self-reliant or dependent? Explain.
8. Do you think the human character is essentially good or evil? Why?
9. Do you think people differ much according to the part of the country they live in? Why?

General Reading Question:

1. What does Jim think happened to him as a result of the trick that Tom plays on him?
2. How does Huck know that the drowned body that is found is not his Pap?
3. How does Huck know that his father has returned?
4. How does Huck escape his father?
5. Why has Jim run away from Miss Watson?
6. What prank does Huck play on Jim, and how does it backfire?
7. How does Mrs. Loftus figure out that Huck is not a girl?
8. Whom do Huck and Jim discover on the wrecked steamboat?
9. Why can't Huck and Jim escape from the boat? How do they finally get away?
10. Where does Huck get his information about dukes and kings?
11. What is Jim doing when Huck rejoins him after they are lost in the fog?
12. What is Jim's response to Huck's trick?
13. How do Huck and Jim know that they have passed Cairo? Why is this important?
14. After Huck forgets his name, how does he trick Buck into revealing it?
15. How does Huck rediscover Jim?
16. Why does Huck feel responsible for the carnage following Sophia's elopement?
17. What had the king and the duke been doing before they met Huck?
18. How does the duke arrange for them to float by day?
19. What is the people's response to the "Royal Nonesuch"?
20. What does Jim tell Huck about his daughter Elizabeth?
21. How does the king learn about the Wilks family?
22. Why is the king worried that the gold is \$415 short? How do they solve the problem?
23. What makes Huck determined to steal the gold back from the duke and the king?
24. What is Levi Bell's plan for deciding who the real Harvey and William Wilks are?
25. Who sells Jim out?
26. Who does Mrs. Phelps think Huck is?
27. Describe how Tom shocks Aunt Sally?
28. Who does Tom pretend to be?
29. Describe what Tom does when he can't climb the lightning rod.
30. What does Tom want Jim to water his plant with?
31. How does Tom get hurt?
32. Who clarifies the identities of Tom and Huck?
33. What has happened to Huck's father?
34. Why is Jim now a free man?
35. Where does Huck say he will go now?