

8th Grade Summer Reading Assignment 2018

- Read *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain (do NOT read an abridged version)
- Copies are available for check-out in Room 217 through June 5.
- The novel is lengthy, so begin before August 1!
- Please type the answers to sections A and C and bring your work on August 30, 2018
- Be certain to proofread your work for errors. Thanks!

A. Questions Choose 2: Answer each in a complete paragraph.

- A. If you were to film this story, what characters would you eliminate if you couldn't use them all? Explain your choices. Choose at least 2 characters.
- B. How is Huckleberry Finn like you? Different from you? (Not his life or appearance; focus on his personality.)
- C. Why would or wouldn't this story make a good TV series?
- D. What difficulties did you have with the book? Explain.

Tip: Turn the question into a good topic sentence to begin.

B. Be ready for a **reading test** on the novel the first week of school.

C. Reading Response:

1. Double-Entry Diary: Write one entry for any 25 chapters of the book (25 entries total). In the left hand column copy a significant line or passage from the chapter. In the right hand column write a personal response to the quotation you selected. Use one of the sentence starters below for your response in the right column. See the back of this paper for a model..

This reminds me of. . .

I predict. . .

I wonder. . .

I agree/disagree because. . .

I noticed. . .

This is important because. . .

I think this means. . .

I can picture _____ in my head. . .

Double Entry Diary format:

Left column: Copy words or sentences directly from the text plus chapter and page number.

Ch. 1 pg. 4

By-and-by they fetched the niggers in and had prayers, and then everybody was off to bed.

Right column: Respond to your words or sentence from the left column. Use one of the sentence starters above.

I noticed that Widow Douglas and her sister Miss Watson are fine Christian ladies who expected their slaves to also practice Christianity. However, how can anyone who claims to be a Christian keep slaves?