



Huckleberry Finn Conformity for Comedy

Use this worksheet to make notes about a comic scene from the novel. Be prepared to discuss your ideas about the scene, or perform the scene for the class.

Step	Analysis
1. Choose one of the comic scenes in the righthand column or make your own choice.	_____ In chapter 2, Tom Sawyer ropes Huck and some younger boys into a gang. _____ In chapter 11, Huck goes ashore disguised as a girl and meets Mrs. Judith Loftus. _____ In chapter 19, two con artists meet on the raft and plan their next con game. The scene begins, "What got you into trouble?" _____ In chapter 23, the King and the Duke perform "The Royal Nonesuch." _____ Other:
2. Read the scene and note the basic facts.	Who is the narrator? Who are the other characters in the scene?
	When and where does the scene take place?
	What events led to the scene?
3. Analyze the scene.	To what ideas, beliefs, superstitions, or values do the characters conform? How do the characters take advantage of the ideas, beliefs, superstitions, or values of others?
4. What makes the scene funny?	How do the characters misinterpret reality? How do the characters take advantage of _____?
5. Make notes on how you would effectively perform the scene.	