



Huckleberry Finn Quotes and Themes

Use this worksheet to explore how Mark Twain expresses the themes of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. Find each quote in the text using the chapter number as a clue. Read the quote in context and identify the theme or themes the quote expresses. Make notes to explain the context and meaning of each quote.

Theme:

conformity	hypocrisy	independence	slavery
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Quote	Theme	Notes
And she took snuff, too; of course that was all right, because she done it herself. (1)	hypocrisy	Widow won't let Huck smoke.
"Now Ben Rogers, do you want to do things regular, or don't you?" (2)		
"Yes—en I's rich now, come to look at it. I owns myself, and I's wuth eight hund'd dollars." (8)		
Take it all around, we lived pretty high. (12)		
Well, then, says I, what's the use you learning to do right, when it's troublesome to do right and ain't no trouble to do wrong, and the wages is just the same? (16)		
You feel mighty free and easy and comfortable on a raft. (18)		
Next day you couldn't hear nothing around that town but how splendid that show was. (23)		
First they done a lecture on temperance; but they didn't make enough for them both to get drunk on. (31)		

RL.11-12.1 Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text, including determining where the text leaves matters uncertain.

RL.11-12.2 Determine two or more themes or central ideas of a text and analyze their development over the course of the text, including how they interact and build on one another to produce a complex account; provide an objective summary of the text.

RL.11-12.6 Analyze a case in which grasping point of view requires distinguishing what is directly stated in a text from what is really meant (e.g., satire, sarcasm, irony, or understatement).