

**Summer Reading Assignment: Annotation**  
**11th Grade English**  
*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

Annotation: <b>Quiz grade—Due August 24/25</b> Reading Check Quiz: <b>Quiz grade—August 24/25</b>
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**Understanding Huck Finn:**

Huckleberry Finn is told in a series of episodes. The first episode is Huck's escape from Pap and the final episode is his adventure at the Phelps's farm. It is important that you highlight and annotate the following:

1. Mark with a sticky note or tab the beginning and end of each episode.
2. Circle the key characters in each episode (besides Huck and Jim) and highlight phrases that describe them. Write CD (character description) of \_\_\_\_\_ (character's name) in the margin.
3. Notice Twain's satire throughout each episode (he is the narrator behind Huck). In particular note how Twain satirizes Southern romantic traditions, which were patterned after medieval romantic/courtly traditions; i.e. the damsel in distress, the duel, the courtly gentleman, etc....
4. Note all passages that deal with religion. Highlight, in a different color those passages on praying, Sunday school, etc... and write religion above it or in the margins. Comment briefly your thoughts about the passage.
5. Highlight passages dealing with death. Keep track of the body count. Reflect and briefly comment on the violence and death in each episode.
6. Keep track of the evolving relationship between Huck and Jim. Note all passages when Huck makes an important decision concerning his relationship with Jim. There are at least four key moments and these need to be highlighted with a sticky note/tab attached.
7. If you have a question about something in the book, write it on the page when it first occurs to you. Google it on the internet to see if you can find an answer. When you get an idea while reading the text, note it in a brief form in the margin. You may never think of this idea again unless you write it down.
8. **Use brackets, checks, stars, bullets, or asterisks to mark very important items or detail you want to return to later. Then in the front of the book record the symbol you used and write the page numbers that have that symbol.**
9. **Don't mark too much. If you mark everything, nothing will stand out!!!**

