

Character Influences



Pick five characters from the novel and make sure they have a fairly significant role that you can discuss. Society plays a large part in the novel and influences the actions and perceptions of many characters. For example, Huck is surprised that someone of Tom's middle class upbringing would help free a slave, because "he should know better." Take your five characters and name at least two actions or comments from each in the novel that you believe could have been influenced by society.

CHARACTER	ACTION/COMMENT	SOCIETAL INFLUENCE

Moral Development



Throughout the novel, Huckleberry Finn has many experiences that inform his future decision making through the rest of the novel. For example, when Huck picks up a snakeskin, Jim tells him it's bad luck. While Huck initially shrugs it off as a superstition, he changes his mind after Jim is bitten by a snake shortly after. In this graphic organizer, name some events and demonstrate below how they influenced Huck later in the novel.

EVENT	OUTCOME

Short Essay



Huckleberry Finn is a good person who is more influenced by his own experience than by anything he has learned in school or elsewhere. Fill the framework below to help you write an essay either defending or opposing this thesis.

POINT	QUOTATION	EXPLANATION
Huck is a good person.	This is shown by...	

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Huck is more influenced by his own experience than anything else.	This is shown by...	