**Huckleberry Finn – Final Essay**

**Due Date: Thursday, April 21**

Your culminating assessment for *Huckleberry Finn* will be an analytical essay focusing on one of the major themes of the novel. Once you decide which theme you wish to write about, start annotating with your sticky notes!

You will be writing an analytical essay. You need to include at least one quote per body paragraph; it is up to you if you feel it is necessary to include others. ***You must find a variety of quotes from the beginning, middle and end of the novel.*** Please look at all your writing notes for reminders about writing 3rd person, using literary present tense, etc. You must also include a Works Cited. If you use any outside sources, please include those in your Works Cited.

**HONORS REQUIREMENTS**: You must include at least 2 quotes per body paragraph. In addition, you must include one outside source as support – use an EBSCOHost source, please!

*Essay Choices: Please choose one.*

**The Theme of Religion:**

Different characters in the novel have different opinions about religion, and through those characters, Twain also gives his own opinions. Discuss the different characters’ opinions about religion, and ultimately, what is Twain’s view?

Suggestion: Write one paragraph for each character. In your conclusion, wrap-up your essay and tell what you believe Twain’s opinion is on religion based on the information you presented – remember, you are keeping this in 3rd person!

**The Theme of Freedom:**

There are several different kinds of ‘freedom’ addressed in this novel. As you are reading, identify them. Discuss the different ideas of freedom, and ultimately, what you can discern Twain was trying to point out about the theme of freedom.

Suggestion: Write one paragraph per different idea about freedom. In your conclusion, wrap-up your essay and tell what you believe Twain was trying to point out about the theme of freedom – all in 3rd person, of course.

**The Theme of Education**:

In the novel, there seems to be two main ideas about the topic of education: learning versus practical knowledge. Note which characters hold the differing beliefs on education, using proof from the novel. Ultimately, what do you think Twain believed?

Suggestion: Write one paragraph per character and show his/her belief about education. Be sure you choose characters to show two perspectives overall. In your conclusion, wrap-up your essay and tell what you believe Twain’s point was about education based on the information you presented = all in 3rd person, of course.