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 - a. Brother to All Mankind
 - b. Father of American Literature
 - c. Greatest Author of America

2. The setting of both Twain's classic novels, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, is _____.
 - a. The American South along the Mississippi River before the Civil War
 - b. The American Northeast along the Atlantic Coast before the Civil War
 - c. The American South along the Tennessee River after the Civil War

3. Mark Twain's books are meant to do more than just entertain the reader. They also teach _____.
 - a. Earth science
 - b. Map skills
 - c. Life lessons

4. Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, along with Twain's other characters, were often loosely based on _____.
 - a. Characters from Twain's favorite books
 - b. People from his childhood
 - c. Biblical figures

5. Huckleberry Finn has a good friend named Jim. Jim is _____.
 - a. An orphan
 - b. Handicapped
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6. Why does Tom Sawyer think so many people of *our* time still love to read Mark Twain's books even though they are so old? Cite at least three reasons.



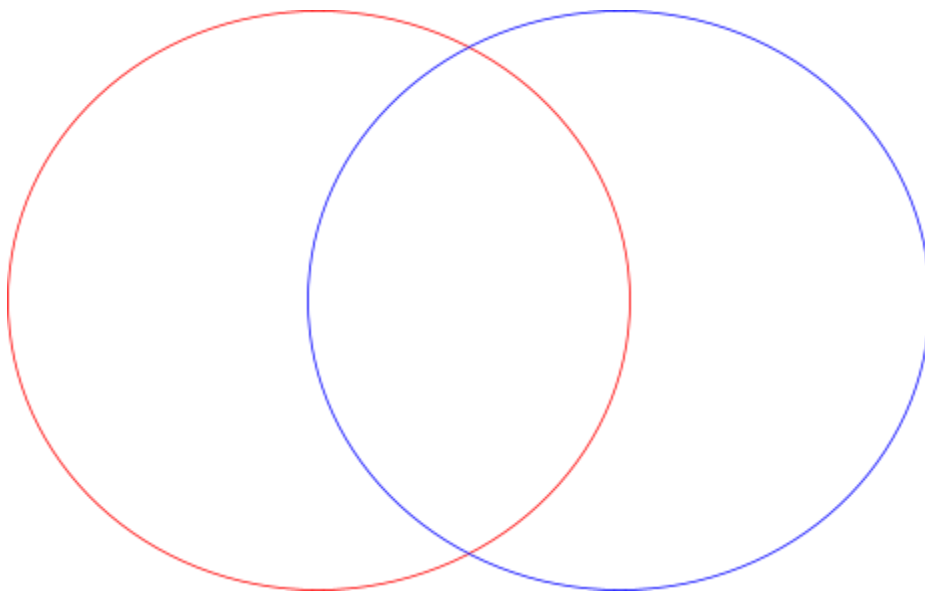
7. What was Tom's answer when Layla asked if Mark Twain should have used "safer language" in his books? What do you think?

8. People who lived during Mark Twain's lifetime faced many difficult personal and cultural issues, making his books more appropriate for older readers. What are some of the issues that caused Huck to face what he called "mind battles?"

9. Mark Twain gives readers an honest and accurate picture of the time and place in which his characters lived. Using the Venn Diagram below, compare and contrast Tom and Huck's everyday life experiences to your own. In the center space, write the things you have in common.

Tom Sawyer & Huck Finn

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6. In the video, why does Tom Sawyer say he thinks so many people of *our* time still love to read Mark Twain's books even though they are so old? Cite at least three reasons.
Sample answer: Mark Twain's books are filled with action-packed adventures. The characters take down bad guys, save innocent men, navigate the Mississippi River, find treasure, and play pranks.

7. What was Tom's answer when Layla asked if Mark Twain should have used "safer language" in his books? What do you think?

Sample answer: Tom responded that Twain should not have used "safer" language because the language he used was the way people talked during his characters' time. Twain presented a realistic picture of history. I agree with Tom! Twain's books will help me learn the truth about that period, good and bad.

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Sample answer: Some difficult issues people faced back then included slavery, tough family situations, violence, and criminal behavior.

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Answers will vary. Accept reasonable responses.

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