**Huck Finn Dialectical Journals**

**AP Language & Composition - MacLeod**

“Dialectical” comes from the same root as “dialogue,” and therefore conveys the idea of a conversation, one between you and the text.

For chapters 1-10, write one dialectical journal for each chapter. For the rest of the novel, write one journal for each day’s reading assignment. Your journals should focus on the following:

1. Huck’s character development (especially his naiveté and shortcomings).
2. Freedom vs. civilization (which includes education)
3. Friendship and loyalty
4. Moral conscience (apply your newfound philosophical/ethical knowledge)
5. Social satire

Use the following format for your journals (one entry per side of paper):

Chapter # - Page # - Topic/Theme (see above)

“Quote” Your response, which should be

at least one meaningful paragraph.

Your responses should include one or more of the following:

1. Question – ask about something in the passage that is unclear but don’t just write a question. Explore it. Form hypotheses. Think!
2. Connect – make a connection to your life, the world, or another text.
3. Reflect – think deeply about what the passage means in a broad sense, not just in the context of the story. What conclusions can you draw about the world, about human nature, or just the way things work?
4. Evaluate - make a judgment about the character(s), their actions, or what the author is trying to say and the literary and rhetorical techniques he is using to say it: e.g. tone, style, diction, irony, satire.

As you progress through the book, follow the development of the topics/themes you have entered. Be aware of how Twain is exploring these ideas over the course of the story.

Reading Schedule

Readings and dialectical journals are due on the following dates:

Monday, Nov 13 Ch. 1-10 Collect Journals (ch. 1-10: ten journals)

Tue/Wed, Nov 14/15 Ch. 11-14

Thursday, Nov 16 Ch. 15-17

Friday, Nov 17 Ch. 18-20

------------THANKGIVING BREAK-------------

Monday, Nov 27 Ch. 21-28 Collect Journals (ch. 11-28: four journals)

Tue/Wed, Nov 28/29 Ch. 29-33

Thursday, Nov 30 Ch. 34-38

Friday, Dec 1 Ch. 39-42

Monday, Dec 4 Collect Journals (ch. 29-42: three journals)