



Character Analysis Essay

Transformation of Huck and Jim in the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is a novel written by Mark Twain, who was born in 1835 in the town of Florida. The novel is set in the town of St. Petersburg, Missouri along the banks of Mississippi River. Huckleberry, a narrator of the novel who is thirteen years old son of a poor drunken father (Twain & Reichardt, 2009). The characters in the novel include; Huckleberry Finn, Tom Sawyer, Widow Douglas and Miss Watson, Jim, Pap, The duke and the dauphin, Judge Thatcher, The Grangerfords, The Wilks family, Silas and Sally Phelps and Aunt Polly. The main characters who played significant roles in The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn novel are Huck and Jim.

Huck Finn

Huck is the protagonist and narrator of the novel The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Huck is seen thirteen years old in the novel which is forced to live a miserable life of his own. His father is poor and drunk a town of St. Peterburg, Missouri. Despite Huck being an uneducated young boy, Huck is seen intelligent, very thoughtful and creative who always try to make conclusions on important matters of concern about his life. Huck is also influenced by peer especial from his close friend Tom.

Despite Huck being dirty and homeless, Widow Douglas try to help to protect him from his drunken father, him but declines the offer and stick to his independent way of life. Final, Widow Douglas manages to give Huck some education and spiritual lessons that he had missed as other children. But still, Huck is less indoctrinated with social values as other young boys of his age like Tom Sawyer.

Huck is instinctual distrust, and his travel experience makes him question many things that the society has taught him. At some point, Huck and Jim tell the black slave hunters that sometimes speaking is the right way to go.

Everything seems new to Huck for an encounter he meets an occasion for the new lesson because of his background. It makes Huck set his new rules though he is not a kind of independent moral genius. Towards the end of the novel, Huck becomes more open and says all those willing to follow Tom Sawyer's leadership can do so. Despite this failure, Huck remains appealing and sympathetic. The novel teaches the society a lot of moral lessons especially young people. Just like Huck, very young at the age of thirteen but he makes a difference in the society. Huck represents what any individual is capable of becoming: thinking, feeling human being rather than a mere burden in the system of society.

Jim

Jim also one of the main characters in the novel, he appears to be a man of rare intelligence and compassion. Jim perceives to be superstitious to the position of idiocy. From a careful reading of Jim and Huck in Jackson Island reveals his superstitions that reveal his deep understanding of the natural world and he portrays an alternative form of the truth in the society. Jim also has healthy functions in the novel; this is portrayed when the author tells of that he misses his family terribly. When he reaches the river, he becomes a surrogate father, he takes care of the little boy Huck, cooks for him and shelters him too.

Like Huck-Jim is realistic about his condition and must find a way of achieving it without facing the wrath of those who can change it. Jim also is seldom; he is capable of making a bold decision. Some of his readers criticize him as being passive, though it remains that his mercy over young boy has to be remembered. Jim

is depicted as a loyal and noble man (Twain, 2004). He remains a good friend of Huck especial when he cares for him. Lastly, the novel describes Jim as the only adult in the story who is positively concerned about Huck and remains as a role model to Huck.

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