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Adventures of Huckleberry Finn-Mark Twain 2010-01-01 In Mark Twain's classic tale of friendship and adventure, Huckleberry Finn escapes his evil, drunken father, befriends a runaway slave named Jim, and sails the Mississippi River! As Huck and Jim sail to freedom, they encounter con men and thieves and get in plenty of trouble along the way. Follow Huck's coming-of-age journey in the Calico Illustrated Classics adaptation of Twain's The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Calico Chapter Books is an imprint of Magic Wagon, a division of ABDO Group. Grades 3-8.

Huck Finn's America-Andrew Levy 2014-12-30 A provocative, deeply researched investigation into Twain's writing of Huckleberry Finn challenges basic understandings to argue its reflection of period fears about youth violence, education, pop culture and parenting. 35,000 first printing.

Race and Racism in "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"-Martin Holz 2008-09 Seminar paper from the year 2000 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, University of Cologne, course: Racism in the American Novel, 7 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn is an

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The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn-Mark Twain 2014-08 In this timeless classic join Huck and Jim as they encounter a wrecked steamship full of thieves, a fake duke and king, and two families locked in an epic feud.

Racism in Huckleberry Finn-Isabella Wrobel 2010-08 Seminar paper from the year 2007 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 2,7, Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg (Anglistik/Amerikanistik), course: PS Mark Twain, language: English, abstract: Having the possibility to read one of Mark Twain's most controversial pieces of literature at university should not be taken for granted by students, as the novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" had been struggling for its existence in the curriculum and for its title of an American classic from the day its first English edition appeared in 1884. The historical frame around the novel provides the reader insight into the Antebellum South illustrating the limitations which American civilization imposes on individual freedom of African Americans by the time before American Civil War and furthermore attacks on the evil ways in which racism impinges upon their lives. At that point opinions about the novel's correctness arise and critics are divided into detractors and supporters, where opinions range from "racist trash" to "one of the world's greatest books."

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn-Mark Twain 2018-08-12 A Novel by Mark Twain

Satire Or Evasion?-James S. Leonard 1992 Essays examine the racist elements of Huckleberry Finn and the extent to which they

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are able to turn the novel into a satirical attack on racism
Born to Trouble-Justin Kaplan 1985 Presented at the Broward County Library (Florida) on September 11, 1984, to coincide with Banned Books Week and to mark the centennial of the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," the address in this booklet reviews the reasons why this classic book has always been in trouble with the censors. Drawing upon the Pulitzer Prize winning biography, "Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain," the lecture updates the chronology of the banning of "Huck Finn," which began when the Concord Public Library in Massachusetts attacked the book in 1885. (HOD)
Black, White, and Huckleberry Finn-Elaine Mench 2000 "Black, White, and "Huckleberry Finn" shows that the argument over black-white relations in the novel is also an argument over nonfictional ones - over black images in white minds, conflicting perceptions of racial harmony, and differing interpretations of the American dream."--BOOK JACKET.

The Treatment of the Race Issue in 'Adventures of Huckleberry Finn'-Moritz Oehl 2005-04-24 Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, University of Bamberg (Lehrstuhl für Anglistik), course: Hauptseminar Mark Twain, 9 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Die Arbeit beschreibt, wie das kontroverse Thema Rassismus in Mark Twains Klassiker "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" thematisiert wird.

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The Jim Dilemma-Jocelyn Chadwick-Joshua 1998 Especially in academia, controversy rages over the merits or evils of Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," in particular its portrayal of Jim, the runaway slave. Opponents disrupt classes and carry picket signs, objecting with strong emotion that Jim is no fit model for African-American youth of today. In continuing outcries they claim that he and the dark period of American history he portrays are best forgotten. That time has gone, Jim's opponents charge. This is a new day. But is it? Dare we forget? The author of "The Jim Dilemma" argues that Twain's novel, in the tradition of all great literature, is invaluable for transporting readers to a time, place, and conflict essential to understanding who we are today. Without this work, she argues, there would be a hole in American history and a blank page in the history of African-Americans. To avoid this work in the classroom is to miss the opportunity to remember. Few other popular books have been so much attacked, vilified, or censored. Yet Ernest Hemingway proclaimed Twain's classic to be the beginning of American literature, and Langston Hughes judged it as the only nineteenth-century work by a white author who fully and realistically depicts an unlettered slave clinging to the hope of freedom. A teacher herself, the author challenges opponents to read the novel closely. She shows how Twain has not created another Uncle Tom but rather a worthy man of integrity and self-reliance. Jim, along with other black characters in the book, demands a rethinking and a re-envisioning of the southern slave, for Huckleberry Finn, she contends, ultimately questions readers' notions of what freedom means and what it costs. As she shows that Twain portrayed Jim as nobody's fool, she focuses her discussion on both sides of the Jim dilemma and unflinchingly defends the importance of keeping the book in the classroom. Jocelyn Chadwick-Joshua is director of the American studies program at Dallas Institute for the Humanities.

Was Huck Black?-Shelley Fisher Fishkin 1994-05-05 Published in 1884, Huck Finn has become one of the most widely taught novels from

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in American curricula. But where did Huckleberry Finn come from, and what made it so distinctive? Shelley Fisher Fishkin suggests that in Huckleberry Finn, more than in any other work, Mark Twain let African-American voices, language, and rhetorical traditions play a major role in the creation of his art. In *Was Huck Black?*, Fishkin combines close readings of published and unpublished writing by Twain with intensive biographical and historical research and insights gleaned from linguistics, literary theory, and folklore to shed new light on the role African-American speech played in the genesis of Huckleberry Finn. Given that book's importance in American culture, her analysis illuminates, as well, how the voices of African-Americans have shaped our sense of what is distinctively "American" about American literature. Fishkin shows that Mark Twain was surrounded, throughout his life, by richly talented African-American speakers whose rhetorical gifts Twain admired candidly and profusely. A black child named Jimmy whom Twain called "the most artless, sociable and exhaustless talker I ever came across" helped Twain understand the potential of a vernacular narrator in the years before he began writing Huckleberry Finn, and served as a model for the voice with which Twain would transform American literature. A slave named Jerry whom Twain referred to as an "impudent and satirical and delightful young black man" taught Twain about "signifying"--satire in an African-American vein--when Twain was a teenager (later Twain would recall that he thought him "the greatest man in the United States" at the time). Other African-American voices left their mark on Twain's imagination as well--but their role in the creation of his art has never been recognized. *Was Huck Black?* adds a new dimension to current debates over multiculturalism and the canon. American literary historians have told a largely segregated story: white writers come from white literary ancestors, black writers from black ones. The truth is more complicated and more interesting. While African-American culture shaped Huckleberry Finn, that novel, in turn, helped shape African-American writing in the twentieth century. As Ralph Ellison commented in an interview with Fishkin, Twain "made it possible for many of us to find our own voices." *Was Huck Black?* dramatizes the crucial role of black voices in Twain's art, and takes the first steps beyond traditional cultural boundaries to unveil an American

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literary heritage that is infinitely richer and more complex than we had thought.

Huckleberry Finn as Idol and Target-Jonathan Arac 1997-11-01 If racially offensive epithets are banned on CNN air time and in the pages of USA Today, Jonathan Arac asks, shouldn't a fair hearing be given to those who protest their use in an eighth-grade classroom? Placing Mark Twain's comic masterpiece, Huckleberry Finn, in the context of long-standing American debates about race and culture, Jonathan Arac has written a work of scholarship in the service of citizenship. Huckleberry Finn, Arac points out, is America's most beloved book, assigned in schools more than any other work because it is considered both the "quintessential American novel" and "an important weapon against racism." But when some parents, students, and teachers have condemned the book's repeated use of the word "nigger," their protests have been vehemently and often snidely countered by cultural authorities, whether in the universities or in the New York Times and the Washington Post. The paradoxical result, Arac contends, is to reinforce racist structures in our society and to make a sacred text of an important book that deserves thoughtful reading and criticism. Arac does not want to ban Huckleberry Finn, but to provide a context for fairer, fuller, and better-informed debates. Arac shows how, as the Cold War began and the Civil Rights movement took hold, the American critics Lionel Trilling, Henry Nash Smith, and Leo Marx transformed the public image of Twain's novel from a popular "boy's book" to a central document of American culture. Huck's feelings of brotherhood with the slave Jim, it was implied, represented all that was right and good in American culture and democracy. Drawing on writings by novelists, literary scholars, journalists, and historians, Arac revisits the era of the novel's setting in the 1840s, the period in the 1880s when Twain wrote and published the book, and the post-World War II era, to refute many deeply entrenched assumptions about Huckleberry Finn and its place in cultural history, both nationally and globally. Encompassing discussion of Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frederick Douglass, Ralph Ellison, Archie Bunker, James Baldwin, Shelley Fisher Fishkin, and Mark Fuhrman, Arac's book is trenchant, lucid, and timely.

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Finn'-Moritz Oehl 2005-04-24 Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, University of Bamberg (Lehrstuhl für Anglistik), course: Hauptseminar Mark Twain, 9 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Die Arbeit beschreibt, wie das kontroverse Thema Rassismus in Mark Twains Klassiker "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" thematisiert wird.

Racism in the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn-Jakob Knab 2011 Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2011 im Fachbereich Amerikanistik - Literatur, -, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn are considered as Mark Twain's masterpiece. In his work he both depicts and criticizes the society in which he grew up and what was typical of it back then: slavery, violence and bigotry (cf. Pettit 83). When Mark Twain wrote his novel "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" in 1876, the status of blacks was a very important issue in the United States (cf. Sloane 3). Mark Twain turned away from 19th century romanticism to realism. His aim was to depict "men and women as they are" (cf. Bell 36). Twain intended to write a novel in which he could portray the society in which he had grown up. This paper shall help to understand the novel's message, by introducing some biographical facts about Clemens on the one hand, and the historical context in which it was written on the other hand. Furthermore, it shows how the novel's perception, which has always been controversial, has changed over the years. My aim is to explain to the reader why Twain's best-known novel is not racist.

My Jim-Nancy Rawles 2007-12-18 A deeply moving recasting of one of the most controversial characters in American literature, Huckleberry Finn's Jim Written in the great literary tradition of novels of American slavery, My Jim is told in the incantatory voice of Sadie Watson, an ex-slave who schools her granddaughter with lessons of love she learned in bondage. To help her granddaughter confront the decisions she needs to make, Sadie mines her memory for the tale of the unquenchable love of her life, Jim. Sadie's Jim was an ambitious young slave and seer who, when faced with the prospect of being sold, escaped down the Mississippi with a white boy named Huck. Sadie is suddenly left alone. Worried about her children, convinced her husband is dead, reviled as a witch, and

punished for Jim's escape, Sadie's will and her love for Jim, even in absentia, animate her life and see her through. Told with spare eloquence and mirroring the true stories of countless slave women, My Jim re-creates one of the most controversial characters in American literature. A nuanced critique of the great American novel, My Jim stands on its own as a haunting and inspiring story about freedom, longing, and the remarkable endurance of love. The change of Huckleberry Finns attitude towards Jim throughout Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"-Celina Glueck 2019-07-23 Seminar paper from the year 2011 in the subject Literature - Modern Literature, University of Hamburg, language: English, abstract: I want to analyze how Huckleberry Finn's attitude towards Jim changes in the course of the book. I will try to find out, whether Huck really refuses the racist attitude of society. Huckleberry Finn starts out with a racist attitude, which changes in the course of the story. The term paper will clarify in which way his belief changes. I will show how Huck speaks to and about Jim. Furthermore, I will show how he behaves towards Jim. Another question that will be discussed is in how far Huckleberry Finns racist mindset is influenced by society. Therefore it will be helpful to understand the view and opinion of the society he is surrounded by. Throughout my term paper, I will also take a look at the general attitude of society at the point of time the book is placed. Furthermore, I will show the racist beliefs of the society and their cruel behavior towards black people back in these times. Racial Attitudes in Melville's 'Benito Cereno' and Twain's 'Huckleberry Finn'-Ole Wagner 2013-10 Examination Thesis from the year 2008 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 1,0, University of Heidelberg (Anglistisches Seminar), language: English, abstract: The American literature is a reflection of the socio-political developments in the different stages of the history of the country, and especially slavery is a crucial topic in it. Many works dealing with slavery have been published in the 19th, 20th and 21st century, and some of them have sparked debates that are not only on literary issues. Two of these are Herman Melville's (1819-1891) Benito Cereno (1855) and Mark Twain's (1835-1910, born Samuel Langhorne Clemens) Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884). These two novels are often seen as major works in American

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literary history, and their authors are among the country's most celebrated. Both books have in common that their stories play in the time before the abolition of slavery. Benito Cereno deals with a slave revolt on a ship, while Huckleberry Finn depicts the adventures of its eponymous hero and a runaway slave, Jim. Another feature the novels share is the fact that both have been charged to contain racist and pro-slavery attitudes. This paper will evaluate and analyze these assertions in order to show that they are false because they are based on misunderstandings. It aims to provide a profound delineation of the racial attitudes in the two novels. The assumption here is that neither Melville nor Twain wrote racist novels. This shall be proven with the help of a close analysis of the narrative perspectives and literary devices used in the books. Both of the stories, as will be shown later, are told by narrators that are far from being easy to grasp without a deeper examination of their character and function. A comprehensive insight into these appears to be beneficial for a better understanding of both of the novels. The present paper will begin with an exploration of the individual attitudes of the two authors. Although the knowledge of

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer-Mark Twain 2013-03-07 The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, by Mark Twain, is a popular novel about a young boy growing up in a village on the banks of the Mississippi River. Tom Sawyer, a mischievous orphan taken in by his aunt Polly, goes through a series of adventures involving his friends, Joe Harper and Huckleberry Finn. Tom is an escape master and a small crook in a long list of adventures, as a symbol of celebration of childhood.

Life On The Mississippi-Mark Twain 2020-01-13 Life on the Mississippi is a memoir by Mark Twain detailing his days as a steamboat pilot on the Mississippi River before and after the American Civil War. The book begins with a brief history of the river. It continues with anecdotes of Twain's training as a steamboat pilot, as the 'cub' of an experienced pilot. He describes, with great affection, the science of navigating the ever-changing Mississippi River. In the second half, the book describes Twain's return, many years later, to travel on a steamboat from St. Louis to New Orleans. He describes the competition from railroads, the new, large cities, and his observations on greed, gullibility, tragedy, and

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architecture. He also tells some stories that are most likely tall tales. Simultaneously published in 1883 in the U.S. and in England, it is said to be the first book composed on a typewriter.

The Sellout-Paul Beatty 2015-03-03 Winner of the Man Booker Prize Winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award in Fiction Winner of the John Dos Passos Prize for Literature New York Times Bestseller Los Angeles Times Bestseller Named One of the 10 Best Books of the Year by The New York Times Book Review Named a Best Book of the Year by Newsweek, The Denver Post, BuzzFeed, Kirkus Reviews, and Publishers Weekly Named a "Must-Read" by Flavorwire and New York Magazine's "Vulture" Blog A biting satire about a young man's isolated upbringing and the race trial that sends him to the Supreme Court, Paul Beatty's *The Sellout* showcases a comic genius at the top of his game. It challenges the sacred tenets of the United States Constitution, urban life, the civil rights movement, the father-son relationship, and the holy grail of racial equality—the black Chinese restaurant. Born in the "agrarian ghetto" of Dickens—on the southern outskirts of Los Angeles—the narrator of *The Sellout* resigns himself to the fate of lower-middle-class Californians: "I'd die in the same bedroom I'd grown up in, looking up at the cracks in the stucco ceiling that've been there since '68 quake." Raised by a single father, a controversial sociologist, he spent his childhood as the subject in racially charged psychological studies. He is led to believe that his father's pioneering work will result in a memoir that will solve his family's financial woes. But when his father is killed in a police shoot-out, he realizes there never was a memoir. All that's left is the bill for a drive-thru funeral. Fueled by this deceit and the general disrepair of his hometown, the narrator sets out to right another wrong: Dickens has literally been removed from the map to save California from further embarrassment. Enlisting the help of the town's most famous resident—the last surviving Little Rascal, Hominy Jenkins—he initiates the most outrageous action conceivable: reinstating slavery and segregating the local high school, which lands him in the Supreme Court.

The Secret Life of Bees-Sue Monk Kidd 2003 After her "stand-in mother," a bold black woman named Rosaleen, insults the three biggest racists in town, Lily Owens joins Rosaleen on a journey

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Tiburon, South Carolina, where they are taken in by three black, bee-keeping sisters.

Why We Took the Car-Wolfgang Herrndorf 2014-01-07 Mike Klingenberg doesn't get why people think he's boring. Sure, he doesn't have many friends. (Okay, zero friends.) And everyone laughs at him when he reads his essays out loud in class. And he's never invited to parties - including the gorgeous Tatiana's party of the year. Andre Tschichatschow, aka Tschick (not even the teachers can pronounce his name), is new in school, and a whole different kind of unpopular. He always looks like he's just been in a fight, his clothes are tragic, and he never talks to anyone. But one day Tschick shows up at Mike's house out of the blue. Turns out he wasn't invited to Tatiana's party either, and he's ready to do something about it. Forget the popular kids: Together, Mike and Tschick are heading out on a road trip. No parents, no map, no destination. Will they get hopelessly lost in the middle of nowhere? Probably. Will they meet crazy people and get into serious trouble? Definitely. But will they ever be called boring again? Not a chance.

Racism-Albert J. Wheeler 2005 Of all mankind's vices, racism is one of the most pervasive and stubborn. Success in overcoming racism has been achieved from time to time, but victories have been limited thus far because mankind has focused on personal economic gain or power grabs ignoring generosity of the soul. This bibliography brings together the literature.

Understanding Adventures of Huckleberry Finn-Claudia Durst Johnson 1996 Interdisciplinary primary materials for classroom use and student research illuminate the historical and social issues of this controversial American classic.

Making Mark Twain Work in the Classroom-James S. Leonard 1999 A collection of articles on Twain's work expressing a broad range of critical perspectives and pedagogical methods, intended to address race, gender and class issues in the classroom.

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1884).: Series-Tom Sawyer, Picaresque Novel-Mark Twain 2018-10-06 Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (or, in more recent editions, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn) is a novel by Mark Twain, first published in the United Kingdom in December 1884 and in the United States in February 1885. Commonly named among the Great American

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Novels, the work is among the first in major American literature to be written throughout in vernacular English, characterized by local color regionalism. It is told in the first person by Huckleberry "Huck" Finn, the narrator of two other Twain novels (Tom Sawyer Abroad and Tom Sawyer, Detective) and a friend of Tom Sawyer. It is a direct sequel to The Adventures of Tom Sawyer. The book is noted for its colorful description of people and places along the Mississippi River. Set in a Southern antebellum society that had ceased to exist about 20 years before the work was published, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn is an often scathing satire on entrenched attitudes, particularly racism. Perennially popular with readers, Adventures of Huckleberry Finn has also been the continued object of study by literary critics since its publication. The book was widely criticized upon release because of its extensive use of coarse language. Throughout the 20th century, and despite arguments that the protagonist and the tenor of the book are anti-racist, criticism of the book continued due to both its perceived use of racial stereotypes and its frequent use of the racial slur "nigger."

.....Mark Twain (November 30, 1835

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn - Complete Edition-Mark Twain 2017-12-06 "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" - Tom Sawyer lives with his Aunt Polly and his half-brother Sid. He skips school to swim and is made to whitewash the fence the next day as punishment. Tom falls in love with Becky Thatcher, a new girl in town, but shortly after Becky shuns him, he accompanies Huckleberry Finn to the graveyard at night, where they witness a trio of body snatchers getting into a fight. Tom and Huck run away to an island. While enjoying their new-found freedom, they become aware that the community is sounding the river for their bodies... "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" - Huck Finn and his friend Tom Sawyer have each come into a considerable sum of money as a result of their earlier adventures. Huck is placed under the guardianship of the Widow Douglas, who is attempting to "civilize" him. Finding civilized life confining, his spirits are raised somewhat when Tom helps him to escape one night, but his alcoholic father turns up and kidnaps him... "Tom Sawyer Abroad" - Tom, Huck, and their friend Jim set sail to Africa in a futuristic hot air balloon, where they survive encounters with lions, robbers, and

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some of the world's greatest wonders, including the Pyramids and the Sphinx. "Tom Sawyer, Detective" - Tom attempts to solve a mysterious murder in this burlesque of the immensely popular detective novels of the time. Samuel Langhorne Clemens (1835-1910), better known by his pen name Mark Twain, was an American writer, humorist, entrepreneur, publisher, and lecturer. Huck's Raft - Steven Mintz 2004 Explores many aspects of the changing societal role of children throughout American history, and credits the impact that children have had on major historical events. The Oxford Mark Twain - Mark Twain 2010

The N-Word - the Usage of a Controversial Term in the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and Nowadays - Agathe Glatz 2011-03 Seminar paper from the year 2009 in the subject English - Literature, Works, grade: 3,0, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen (Anglistik), language: English, abstract: 2 Usage of the N-Word in Huck Finn In the following section I will first examine how the N-Word was used in general in former times, then how Mark Twain used it in Huck Finn and finally why he employed it so often. Before I begin I would like to say that I am going to use the word nigger a lot of times in this paper. I do not want to insult anybody, but I have to mention it sometimes as I write about the term. I also dissociate myself from some quotations you will read on the following pages, where the word is used in an offensive way. 2.1 Former Usage of the N-Word and that in Huck Finn At the beginning, I would like to quote Thomas Jefferson, who claimed that '...their [the blacks'] existence appears to participate more of sensation than reflection'. At the time of "the Enlightenment," a human being was characterized by reason. This was underlined by the philosopher Descartes who stated "cogito ergo sum" ("I think therefore I am"). In the quote by Jefferson, the black community is considered as a people who does not think, but rather feels. It implies that blacks lack the most important feature of a human being, which is reason, and therefore cannot be considered as "human." Before the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, this argument was a very common legitimation for slavery and for the use of nigger to refer to African Americans. The term itself was, for instance, used to distinguish a white and a black person with the same first name. When you say "Nigger Jim" it is evident that you mean a black slave, and not the white

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addition to that, blacks were never addressed by "Mr." or "Mrs.," but rather by their first name or by "Auntie" or "Uncle." Another interesting point is the fact that whites who supported blacks during the Civil Rights Movement were referred to as niggerlovers. In this exa

Nigger-Randall Kennedy 2008-12-18 It's "the nuclear bomb of racial epithets," a word that whites have employed to wound and degrade African Americans for three centuries. Paradoxically, among many black people it has become a term of affection and even empowerment. The word, of course, is nigger, and in this candid, lucidly argued book the distinguished legal scholar Randall Kennedy traces its origins, maps its multifarious connotations, and explores the controversies that rage around it. Should blacks be able to use nigger in ways forbidden to others? Should the law treat it as a provocation that reduces the culpability of those who respond to it violently? Should it cost a person his job, or a book like Huckleberry Finn its place on library shelves? With a range of reference that extends from the Jim Crow south to Chris Rock routines and the O. J. Simpson trial, Kennedy takes on not just a word, but our laws, attitudes, and culture with bracing courage and intelligence.

Mark Twain as a Literary Artist-Gladys Carmen Bellamy 2012-09-10 Mark Twain has been the subject of violent disagreement among critics. Most of them have believed that he was an "unconscious artist," working by impulse. Mark Twain as a Literary Artist shows that Mark Twain was much more the conscious craftsman than is generally believed. Here is revealed Twain's violent mental conflict, a logical dilemma, which forced much of his work into distorted patterns of thought and structure. Through years of practice he evolved methods to achieve detachment through techniques such as speaking through the lips of Huckleberry Finn or some other childlike person; placing satiric scenes far off in time or space; diminishing the human race to microscopic proportions so that its wrongs could be treated with detachment; and reducing life to a dream in which the greatest wrongs become tolerable because they seem unreal. Mark Twain as a Literary Artist is a mature, thorough, and revealing reassessment of the mind and methods of one of the most controversial figures in American literature.

The Role of Huck's and Tom's Practical Jokes in Mark Twain's

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"Huckleberry Finn"-Jan Philipp Wilhelm 2012-07-02 Seminar paper from the year 2012 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Constance, course: American Realism and Naturalism, language: English, abstract: In this essay, I would like to consider the role of practical jokes within the story, especially concerning the development of the characters of the two white boys, Tom and Huck, and their relationship to the runaway slave Jim.

The N Word-Jabari Asim 2008-08-04 A renowned cultural critic untangles the twisted history and future of racism through its most volatile word. The N Word reveals how the term "nigger" has both reflected and spread the scourge of bigotry in America over the four hundred years since it was first spoken on our shores. Jabari Asim pinpoints Thomas Jefferson as the source of our enduring image of the "nigger." In a seminal but now obscure essay, Jefferson marshaled a welter of pseudoscience to define the stereotype of a shiftless child-man with huge appetites and stunted self-control. Asim reveals how nineteenth-century "science" then colluded with popular culture to amplify this slander. What began as false generalizations became institutionalized in every corner of our society: the arts and sciences, sports, the law, and on the streets. Asim's conclusion is as original as his premise. He argues that even when uttered with the opposite intent by hipsters and hip-hop icons, the slur helps keep blacks at the bottom of America's socioeconomic ladder. But Asim also proves there is a place for the word in the mouths and on the pens of those who truly understand its twisted history—from Mark Twain to Dave Chappelle to Mos Def. Only when we know its legacy can we loosen this slur's grip on our national psyche.

Huck Finn's America-Andrew Levy 2014-12-30 A provocative, deeply researched investigation into Twain's writing of Huckleberry Finn challenges basic understandings to argue its reflection of period fears about youth violence, education, pop culture and parenting. 35,000 first printing.

The Cambridge Introduction to Mark Twain-Peter Messent 2007-03-08 Mark Twain is a central figure in nineteenth-century American literature, and his novels are among the best-known and most often studied texts in the field. This clear and incisive

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Social Criticism in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn-Barbara Groß-Langenhoff 2006-01-17 Seminar paper from the year 2003 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: 1,0, University of Cologne, course: 19th Century Children's Literature, 15 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: Mark Twain's novel The Adventures of Tom Sawyer, first published in 1876, and its sequel The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn of 1885 are widely known and praised as boyhood adventure stories. Both young and old are fascinated by the nostalgic portraits of American childhood, which are also blended with a good portion of social criticism. This essay will concentrate on the novels' depiction of South American society and on critical observations and comments made by the author. His attitude towards societal concepts of education, religion and slavery will be examined, as will the conflict between individual and social morality, which is highlighted in the two novels. The subsequent evaluation will consider the question whether Twain's criticism of his generation continues to be relevant today. Before I can embark, though, on the study of social criticism in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn, it is useful to have some background information about the period of writing and the author's notion of childhood, which will make it easier to analyse the novels in the context of 19th century American children's literature. Therefore, I am going to begin with a brief outline of the entirely opposing trends in juvenile fiction in the first

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