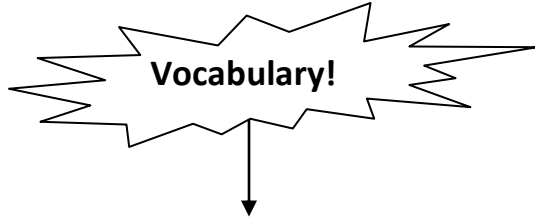


Name: _____ Block: _____

Huck Finn Web Quest

Directions: Go to the websites as directed and answer the questions that follow.



Go to www.dictionary.com and define the following words using the first definition unless otherwise noted:

Term	POS	Definition in MY Words:
encomium		
excoriated		
oeuvre		
philistine		
pious		
Definition #2		
contrarian		
imperialist		

Become a Mark Twain/Samuel Clemens expert!

Go to: <http://www.pbs.org/marktwain/learnmore/chronology.html>

1. In what year was Mark Twain born? _____
2. In what year did he die? _____
3. What event was present at both his birth and death?

4. What was the title of his first novel and when was it published?

5. What happened in 1861?

6. When did he go bankrupt and why?

7. What was the title of his best selling novel?

Go to: <http://www.pbs.org/marktwain/scrapbook/index.html>

1. Why did Mark Twain give up on scrapbooks?

2. What was his only invention that made money?

Click on *The Gilded Age 1869 – 1871* on the right. Then scroll through the pages answering these questions.

3. Who did Mark Twain marry?

4. Describe his study in Elmira.

5. Mark Twain describes his book, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* as “a book of mine where a sound heart and a deformed conscience come into collision and conscience suffers defeat.” What do you think he meant by this quote?

	<p>Read the article, "Getting Past Black and White" at www.time.com/time/printout/0,8816,1820162,00.html</p> <p>Click SKIP if an ad appears at the top right.</p>	
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How can someone who uses the 'N' word in his writing also be characterized as "the man who popularized the sophisticated literary attack on racism"?



Your response and ideas:

In this article, the author mentions "[t]he analogy to the Civil War is clear." Who or what does each of the following represent in the Civil War?



Noakes is _____.

The Captain is: _____.

The First Mate is: _____.

How would you describe Mark Twain? List 3 adjectives that characterize the man and the author. Be prepared to explain why you think these are appropriate descriptions.



1.

2.

3.

Go to: <http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1820144,00.html>

What do you think Mark Twain meant when he said in a reply to Matthew Arnold's attack of the funnyman – "A discriminating irreverence is the creator and protector of human liberty"?

Do you agree or disagree with Mr. Twain? Explain (how and why).

Why do you think the author, Richard Lacayo, says "Barack Obama owes a debt to Twain"? How?

Go to:

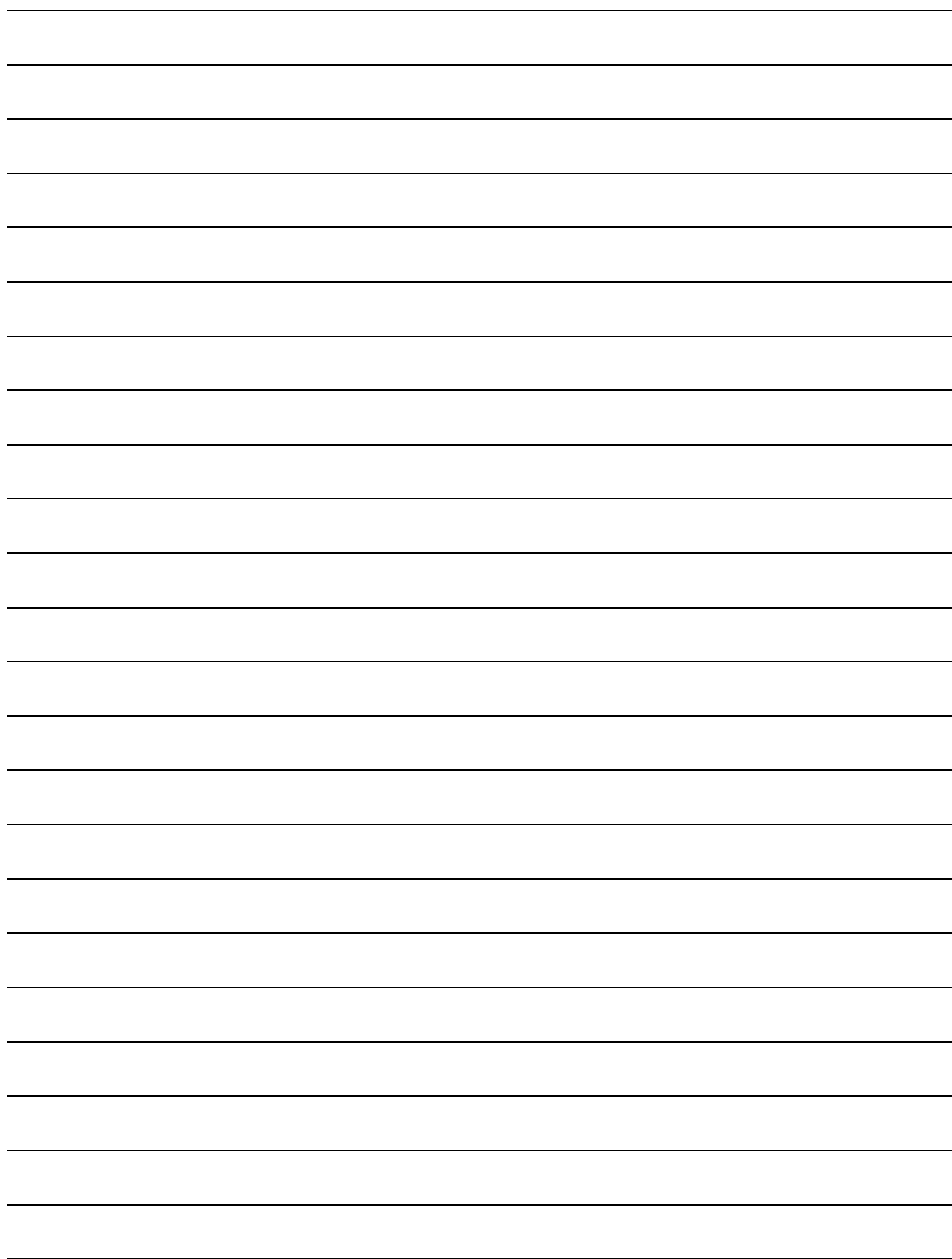
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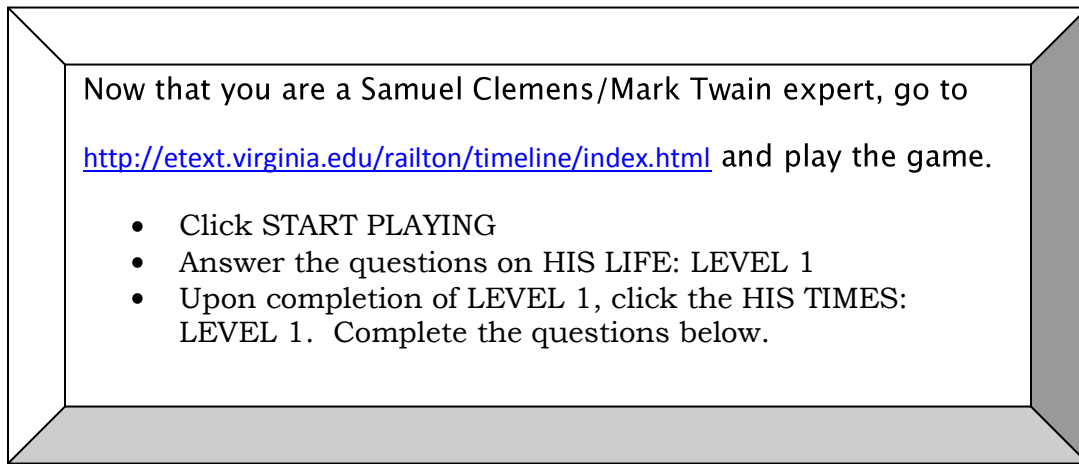
Click QUOTATIONS

Click N then NEGROES

In his second opinion from the *New York Tribune*, besides Negroes, what other group(s) did Mark Twain consider to oppressed and perhaps not worthy of citizenship?

Mr. Twain offers some contradictory quotes. He felt that offering 'negroes' citizenship was 'startling and disagreeable' yet he also says '[t]he 'damned naysayers'—this is another descriptive title which has been conferred upon them by a class of our fellow citizens who persist, in the most short-sighted manner, in being on bad terms with them in the face of the fact that they have got to sing with them in heaven or scorch with them in hell some day in the most familiar and sociable way, and on a footing of most perfect equality'. After reading, what do you think about Mark Twain's racial views? Is he a hypocrite? How does he reconcile his seemingly opposing views? Was he a man ahead of his times? Use quotes from the article to support your opinion and ideas on the following page.





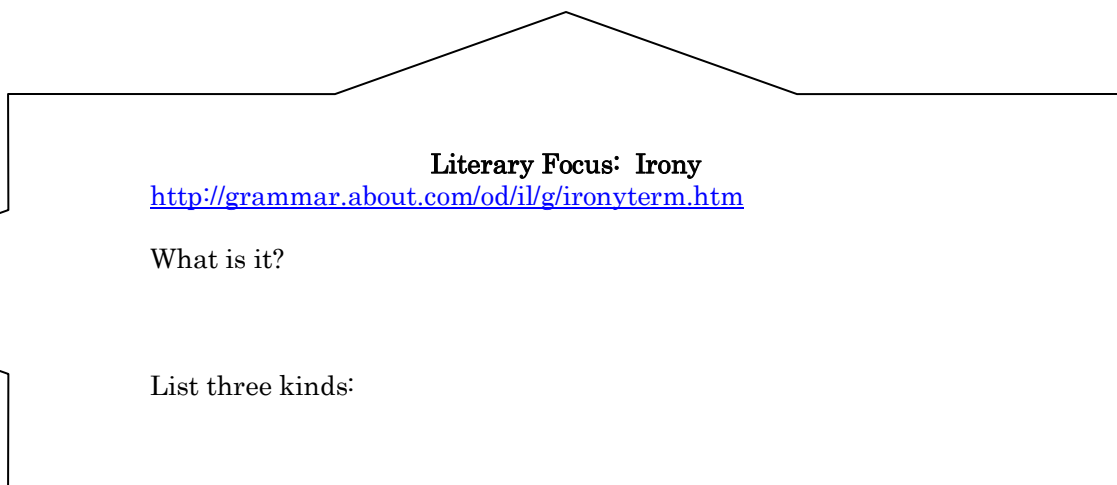
1. The Civil War broke out in _____. Samuel Clemens served _____ on the _____ side.
2. When was the Spanish American War? _____ How did it change Mark Twain's views?

3. When was the California Gold Rush? _____
4. When did the last "Indian Territory", Oklahoma, open legally for settlement?

5. When was *Uncle Tom's Cabin* published? _____ Why was it important to Mark Twain?

6. What is the Reconstruction Era?

When did it end? _____



We are going to read Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. This book is, on the surface, a picturesque story of Huck and his buddy Jim who lived along the Mississippi and drifted down the river on a skiff. It is a story of American adventure and friendship. Using what you have learned about Mark Twain and the time period he lived in, what other ideas might we encounter and explore in this story?

Quick facts: http://encarta.msn.com/media_461577225/Mark%20Twain.html

Twain's view on Chinese immigration

<http://international.loc.gov/learn/features/timeline/riseind/chinimms/twain.html>

Another timeline:

http://www.marktwainmuseum.org/content/research/twains_life_and_books.php