

QUICK CARD: HUCKLEBERRY FINN



<i>Reference</i>	<i>The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.</i> Mark Twain. (1884) ISBN-13: 978-0812504224
<i>Plot</i>	Vagabond Huck and runaway slave, Jim, try to escape society by floating down the Mississippi River on a raft.
<i>Setting</i>	St. Petersburg, Missouri, a fictitious town on the shores of the Mississippi River, sometime between 1835-1845. During Huck's childhood. During the era of Southern slavery.
<i>Characters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huck – 13 or 14 year-old wild and uncivilized boy with an acute moral conscience. He is high-spirited, lazy, clever, loyal, uneducated, but full of common sense. A Noble Savage of sorts. • Jim – a negro slave in the South during the time of slavery. Slave of the Widow Douglas. He is mild-mannered, loyal, noble-hearted, selfless, trusting, superstitious and oppressed. • Widow Douglas – philanthropic, Christian guardian of Huck • Miss Watson – the Widow Douglas's tough old spinster sister • Tom Sawyer – plucky and adventurous friend of Huck • Pap Finn – Huck's abusive drunkard father • Mrs. Judith Loftus – the kind and perceptive poor woman in the shack on the riverbank • The Grangerfords and Shepherdsons – like the feuding Hatfields and McCoys of lore and legend • The Duke and the Dauphin – scoundrels and thieves who take up with Huck and Jim • Joanna, Mary Jane, and Susan – three sisters the Duke and Dauphin try to scam

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aunt Sally and Uncle Silas Phelps – Tom’s aunt and uncle
<i>Conflict</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Man vs. Society: Will Huck and Jim find freedom? • Man vs. Man • Man vs. Self
<i>Theme</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freedom and Slavery • Virtue • Racism • Pride vs. Humility • Social Convention vs. Absolute Truth • The strength of the Natural Law • Loyalty and Friendship • Coming of Age • Definition of “man”
<i>Literary Devices</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Satire – the use of humor, irony, sarcasm, exaggeration or ridicule to expose and criticize society’s stupidity or vices • Noble Savage – a literary stock character who represents the innocence and natural goodness of man, untouched by the evils of society