

Week 7 Homework
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

- 1) You should be finished reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. If not, finish it.
- 2) Read a short biography online about the author, Mark Twain, and briefly answer the following questions:
 - What years did he live?
 - Where was he born and where did he die?
 - What was his real name?
 - Where did the name "Mark Twain" come from?
 - What is one interesting thing you learned about him?
- 3) Make notes on the following questions about *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* so we can discuss them in class. You do not need to turn this in.
 - a) Who is the protagonist, antagonist, foil?
 - b) Why is Huck Finn universally admired by all of the boys in the school, but is also despised by most of the adults.
 - c) Twain prefaces the novel by stating that it is intended to "pleasantly remind adults of what they once were themselves," but much of the book deals with unpleasantness.
 - d) Does Tom change in the novel? Discuss ways in which he "grows up."
- 4) Choose and complete a project on the "Creating Tone and Mood: Your Choice" homework handout sent to you via email.
- 5) Study for your vocabulary test next week.

Vocabulary words:

Condescend—show feelings of superiority; be patronizing

Eminent—famous and important

Felicity—intense happiness

Furtive—characterized by stealth; sly and secretive

Incongruous—inconsistent; out of place

- 5) Start reading *Treasure Island*, by Robert Louis Stevenson.