



Mark Twain

Why Do I Care?

This book gave a lot of information on Mark Twain's life and work. Identify two or three ways Twain connects to your life. Perhaps some of his childhood experiences remind you of your own childhood.

Write a paragraph explaining how Twain's life relates to yours.



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You Are There

Chapter Two of this book discussed Mark Twain's childhood. Imagine you live in Twain's boyhood hometown of Hannibal, Missouri, in the 1840s.

Write 300 words describing your life. What do you see happening in your town? How have your meals changed? What are your siblings doing?



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Surprise Me

Think about what you learned about Mark Twain's life from this book. Can you name two or three facts you found most surprising? Write a short paragraph about each fact, describing what you found surprising and why.



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Dig Deeper

What questions do you still have about Mark Twain after reading this book? Do you want to learn more about his childhood or his adventures in the West? Write down one or two questions to help guide you in your research. With an adult's help, find a few reliable new sources about Twain's life that can help answer your questions. Write a few sentences about how you did your research and what you learned from it.