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Hannibal, Missouri and Mark Twain

A Virtual Field Trip

Please go to my wiki page: <http://adavidson.wiki.hoover.k12.al.us/> and click on Tom Sawyer on the left. At the bottom of the Tom Sawyer Page, click on Tom Sawyer Virtual Field Trip. Visit each of the sites and read about them. Answer the questions as you read. Answer on your own paper in full sentences.

The Mississippi River

1. Where does the river start? In which state does it end?
2. Mark Twain said the river was an independent force. Write his exact quote about the river.
3. For tourists what is the only accurate way to cross the river?
4. What was the one permanent ambition of boys of Mark Twain's age in Hannibal?
5. Why did Mark Twain not keep working on the river?
6. What does the term "mark twain" mean?

Cardiff Hill

1. Describe Cardiff Hill – both how it looks and its location.
2. What stands at the foot of Cardiff Hill?
3. How do you get to the top of the hill?
4. Where is Becky's Butterfly Garden located?
5. Who first opened the Mark Twain Bridge?
6. What gift did the White House give Hannibal in 1935?
7. Why was this gift given?
8. What name was the hill known by when Twain was young?
9. Where did Twain get the name Cardiff that he used in Tom Sawyer?

Jackson's Island

1. Name three places a tourist can see from Jackson Island.
2. Name two previous names of the island.
3. How is the island different now from the way it was in 1845?
4. How is Bence Blankenship associated with the island?
5. Who lives on Jackson's Island today?
6. List five animals that now inhabit the island?

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

1. What cemetery was probably the setting for the murder scene in Tom Sawyer?

2. Why was grave robbing a common practice in the 1840's?
3. Name Twain's relatives who are buried at Mt. Olivet?
4. Where is Twain buried? Why do you think he is buried there instead of Mt. Olivet?
5. On whom did Twain model Injun Joe?
6. How did the fictional Injun Joe differ from the real man?
7. How old was the real Injun Joe when he died?

The Mark Twain Cave

1. How and when was the cave formed?
2. Who first discovered the cave? How did he discover it?
3. What odd experiment did Joseph McDougal perform in the cave?
4. When was the cave named a National Park Cave?
5. Of what is the cave made? Why this name?
6. How many entrances and how many passageways does the cave have?
7. What is the average temperature in the cave?
8. How many signatures have been found on the cave's walls?
9. What two names do not appear?
10. What happened to Norman Rockwell in the cave?
11. What famous outlaw used the cave as a hideout?

The Mark Twain Museum Gallery

1. Describe 3 exhibits a visitor can find on the first floor.
2. The mezzanine level consists mainly of what kind of artifacts and pictures?
3. What does it mean to "walk the wheel?"
4. How did leadsman measure the water's depth?
5. How did Twain's younger brother die?
6. Why did Twain feel guilty about his death?
7. From what college did Twain graduate?
8. Why did Twain like to wear a white suit?
9. Why did the artist Norman Rockwell travel to Hannibal to make sketches?
10. Rockwell painted 16 works, yet only 15 are at the museum. What happened to the 16th?

The Huck Finn House

1. On whom is the character of Huck Finn based?
2. Describe Blankenship's family. How was this different from Huck?
3. Why was Twain forbidden to associate with the Blankenhips?
4. What did Twain write about Tom Blankenship? Write the exact quote.
5. Why did Twain consider Tom Blankenship the only true independent person in town?
6. What is one of the mysteries surrounding the Blankenship house?
7. When was the current home dedicated?
8. Who were the only members of Hannibal society that ranked lower than the Blankenships?

The Becky Thatcher House

1. Who inspired the character of Becky Thatcher?
2. How does this house differ from the Huck Finn House?
3. Where is the house located?
4. What can tourists see in Laura's old bedroom?
5. What items still on display did Laura receive for her 10th birthday?
6. Describe the renovation phases of the Thatcher house.

Mark Twain's Boyhood Home

1. What are the special points of interest in this home?
2. Write about two parallels between Twain's life and that of Tom Sawyer.
3. When did Twain's family move to Hannibal? How old was he?
4. What did Twain do to help his family after his father died?
5. How long ago was this home opened to the public?
6. What figure can be found in each room of the house?
7. According to Twain, what happens when a man goes back to look at his childhood home?

John Marshall Clemens Justice of the Peace Building

1. When did Mr. Clemens become justice of the peace in Hannibal?
2. How long did he hold this position? Why did he leave it?
3. What was one duty of the justice of the peace?
4. Mark Twain uses this building as the setting of which chapter of *Tom Sawyer*?
5. In 1940 this building was scheduled for demolition. Who purchased this building and gave it to the city? Why did this happen?