Mark Twain
Boyhood Home & Museum
Scavenger Hunt

Earn points while you search for clues and information about the life and works of America’s most beloved author.

Names of Team Members:
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From the Interpretive Center...

1. Orion Clemens designed something of historical significance for Nevada. What was it?

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Score: _________/10 points

2. Judging from Samuel Clemens’ mother’s dress, how would you describe her size?
Small/Medium/Large/X-Large

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Score: _________/10 points

3. When young Sam Clemens’ teacher, Mrs. Horr, told him to fetch a switch so she could punish him, what did he bring to her?

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Score: _________/10 points

4. What job did Sam Clemens have as a boy that made him a student of the “Poor Boys’ College?”

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Score: _________/10 points

5. Look at the wonderful sculpture that shows many characters from four of Mark Twain’s books. Name the four books represented:

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Score: _________/40 points

6. Name the two characters that are depicted twice in the sculpture:

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Score: _________/20 points

7. What was the name of Samuel Clemens’ neighbor who became the inspiration for the character of Becky Thatcher?

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Score: _________/10 points

8. Upon whom was the character of Judge Thatcher based?

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Score: _________/10 points

9. Was Tom Sawyer based upon Mark Twain? Why or why not?
No/Yes, because...

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Score: _________/10 points

10. The character of Injun Joe was based upon whom?

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Score: _________/10 points

11. What of Aunt Polly’s did Tom Sawyer break?

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Score: _________/10 points

12. How many ceiling beams support the roof in the “Huck Finn” house?

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Score: _________/10 points

13. How many fireplaces are in Huck’s house?

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Score: _________/10 points

14. Tom Blankenship’s older brother helped an escaped slave who was hiding on Sny Island. What was this brother’s name?

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Score: _________/10 points

15. Who was the “original” Huckleberry Finn? Mark Twain said he was “unwashed” and “insufficiently fed.”

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Score: _________/10 points

“He was not the Model Boy of the village. He knew the model boy well enough - and loathed him.”

~Mark Twain
(describing Tom Sawyer)
The Boyhood Home...

16. In the kitchen, there is a story about slave children in the household. What were the two boys’ names?

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Score: ________/10 points

17. Although there are several bedrooms in the house, where would the young slave boys have slept? Why?

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Score: ________/10 points

18. In the back bedroom used by young Sam Clemens, “Tom Sawyer” is doing what?

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Score: ________/10 points

19. In the front bedroom, there is a circular object draped on top of the bed. This was used to support what type of clothing?

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Score: ________/10 points

On the mall...

20. Who was the real person Becky Thatcher is based on?

Score: ________/10 points

21. Sam Clemens' father's office is located near the Becky Thatcher House. What was John Marshall Clemens's official title?

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Score: ________/10 points

22. What did Tom find laying on the floor of his father’s Justice of the Peace Office?

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Score: ________/10 points

Notes:

Use this section to jot down notes about interesting facts you’d like to remember. Back in class we will share these with each other. You will receive 5 extra points for each interesting fact that NO ONE ELSE has listed!

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“A cat is more intelligent than people believe, and can be taught any crime.”

~Mark Twain

Calculate the subtotal of points earned on pages 2 and 3: __________________
23. What object do you have to "turn on" in order to see the "treasures" of the whitewashed fence? ____________________  
Score: _______/10 points

24. There is a "bat" in the cave that was used as a special effect in a movie. What 4 items were used to create this bat?  
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Score: _______/40 points

25. In A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court, Sir Boss introduced what American sport to the knights?  
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Score: _______/10 points

26. Visit the “Barrel of Fun Animal Show” to listen to five stories Mark Twain wrote. Name the five animals:  
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Score: _______/50 points

27. In his book, Roughing It, Mark Twain wrote about his wild west days. He even got to see a Pony Express rider. How long did it take a letter to travel from St. Joseph, Missouri to California by Pony Express?  
__________ miles in _____ days 
Score: _______/20 points

28. Mark Twain traveled abroad and wrote a book called The Innocents Abroad. While in Paris, he observed a dance, which he described as “an extraordinary jig.” What was the name of this dance?  
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Score: _______/10 points

29. According to researcher Dr. Edgar M. Branch, how many steamboats did Samuel Clemens pilot? ______________  
Score: _______/10 points

30. What type of clerk did Samuel Clemens’ younger brother, Henry, serve as onboard the steamboat named the Pennsylvania?  
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Score: _______/10 points

31. Samuel Clemens received his pilot’s license on what day?  
________th of _________, 18____  
Score: _______/10 points

32. After you blow the steamboat whistle, read about a steamboat Mark Twain described in his autobiography as the “slowest one on the planet. Up-stream she couldn’t even beat an island; down-stream she was never able to overtake the current.” What was the name of this slow boat?  
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Score: _______/10 points

33. As Mark Twain grew older, he swore off travel. But in 1907 he traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to receive an honorary doctorate from what famous institution?  
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Score: _______/10 points

Mark Twain received three honorary doctorate degrees in his lifetime.

“Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts. Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one’s lifetime.”  
~Mark Twain
The Museum Gallery...

34. What fast food chain immortalized some of Mark Twain’s characters in a set of drinking glasses?

Score: __________/10 points

35. What is the name of the board game that Mark Twain invented? (Hint: It is a lot like Trivial Pursuit.)

Score: __________/10 points

36. Mark Twain created a self-portrait that was etched on what type of metal?

Score: __________/10 points

37. Mark Twain invented a self-pasting scrapbook in more than 30 sizes. About how many of these were sold in 1877?

Score: __________/10 points

38. Mark Twain’s books were released in what country before being released in the United States?

Score: __________/10 points

39. What animal is pictured on the first edition cover of “Following the Equator”?

Score: __________/10 points

40. What large musical instrument is on display? 8 feet high by 6 feet wide.

Score: __________/10 points

41. Which Norman Rockwell painting was made into a postage stamp?

Score: __________/10 points

42. What animal is scaring Aunt Sally in “Huckleberry Finn”?

Score: __________/10 points

43. What language edition of "Tom Sawyer" shows the boys wearing huge hats?

Score: __________/10 points

44. Jean and Clara Clemens autographed photos of themselves and gave them to a Swedish girl who was a house-servant. What was her name?

Score: __________/10 points

45. In 1908 a cast was made of Mark Twain’s right hand. What type of metal was used for this cast?

Score: __________/10 points

46. Friends inscribed a hunting watch to Mark Twain and gave him an honorary title. What was this title?

Score: __________/10 points

The old saw says, "Let sleeping dogs lie." Right. Still when there is much at stake it is better to get a newspaper to do it.

~Mark Twain in Following the Equator

Calculate the subtotal of points earned on pages 4 and 5: _______________
The Museum Gallery...

47. Mark Twain and Livy had a son, Langdon, who died in infancy. They had this made to remember him and it is on display in the Museum Gallery?

Score: ________/20 points

48. There is a beautiful jewelry box on display in the museum gallery, which Mark Twain designed for his wife, Olivia. The jewelry box was hand-carved in what country?

Score: ________/10 points

49. What relative (through marriage) of Mark Twain’s possessed “perfect pitch” as one of his assets?

Score: ________/10 points

50. A sculpture of Mark Twain shows him writing in bed. Name the artist who created this exhibit:

Score: ________/10 points

51. Samuel Clemens took out a life insurance policy to make a good impression on his bride-to-be. How much was the policy worth?

Score: ________/10 points

52. What causes Joe Harper and Tom Sawyer to get sick in the Rockwell paintings?

Score: ________/10 points

53. Mark Twain’s daughter donated one of his favorite pipes to the museum. Look closely... can you see the teeth-marks? What was the brand name of this pipe?

Score: ________/10 points

54. When you watch the film clip from *Huck Finn* you get to sit on a bench placed upon what river vehicle?

Score: ________/10 points

55. When you watch a film clip about Samuel Clemens’ experiences out in the wild west, you get to do so while sitting in what kind of vehicle?

Score: ________/10 points

“As an example to others, and not that I care for moderation myself, it has always been my rule never to smoke when asleep and never to refrain when awake.”

~Mark Twain

Well, you have done it! You’ve toured the museum properties, examined artifacts, interacted with displays, and perhaps learned a thing or two. Even if you didn’t find all of the answers, you can still earn extra points in other ways - jotting down interesting facts on Page 3, for instance, or unscrambling letters to form new words on Page 7. We think that young Sam Clemens would have enjoyed unscrambling the letters from his own name to make new words. We hope you enjoyed your Scavenger Hunt!
For the ride home...

**Samuel Langhorne Clemens: How many words can you make?**

Using only the letters from “Samuel Langhorne Clemens, see how many words you can make. You cannot use a letter more than once in a word, unless the letter is repeated in “Samuel Langhorne Clemens.” For instance, you could use the letter “e” 4 times since it appears 4 times. (No proper nouns.)

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**DOLLAR MATH:** Using the values below, how much is the name Samuel Langhorne Clemens worth? $________ Score: ___________/10 points (How much is your name worth? $________)

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Each letter is worth the corresponding number in cents. Can you think of any words that equal exactly one dollar?

Words that contain 9 or more letters (10 points each)

Calculate the subtotal of points earned on pages 6 and 7: ________________
Thanks for visiting us today!
We hope you come back soon.

We’d like to hear from you! Jot down your **Top 10 List** telling us what you liked best about our museum properties and artifacts. Send us a postcard or letter telling us what you liked, and we just might share your comments on our website. **Send your comments to:**

![Mark Twain Museum
120 N. Main St.
Hannibal MO 63401](image)

**Your Top 10 List:**

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**How did you do? Compare your score below to see what kind of Mark Twain expert you are:**

**Less than 100:** A good start, but you must have been “playing hooky” at some of the exhibits. We suggest you come back again soon!

**100-399:** Not bad! We predict you’ll answer all of the “Mark Twain” questions correctly on Jeopardy!

**400-600:** Impressive! You have the curiosity of Tom Sawyer. (And we think that’s a good thing!)

**More than 600:** Wow! Not only are you a “brainiac,” you’re also a “Twainiac!”

**Note to teachers and parents:** You can pick up an Answer Key at any of our gift shops.

*“I have found out there ain’t no surer way to find out whether you like people or hate them than to travel with them.”*

~Huck Finn in Tom Sawyer Abroad

**For the ride home...**

**Your Final Score:**