

FIRST ESSAY ASSIGNMENT ON
HUCKLEBERRY FINN

Choose one of the following topics, and write a concise, well-organized, error-free essay. This is not a research paper; *you* are the critical analyst. Please support your opinion with textual references (quotations, paraphrases or summaries) to Chapters 1-15.

WORTH: 25 marks, 5 of which are for style and organization.
DUE: February 10, 2006

TOPICS:

1. Huck wishes to escape from a world of rules and regulations to a world of freedoms, but ironically the journey down the river imposes as many restrictions as the world that Huck left behind. Examine the validity of this statement, with reference to Chapters 1-15.
2. Huck's relationship with Jim changes and shifts constantly in the first fifteen chapters of the book, until, by the end of Chapter 15, it has undergone a major change. Assess the truth of this statement with reference to chapters 1-15.
3. Huck obviously values the truth highly, and yet he himself often tells lies for a variety of reasons. Assess the reasons for this apparent contradiction with references to Chapters 1-15.