

## **APPENDICES**

### **Synopsis of The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**

The Adventure of Huckleberry Finn is a story about a child named Huckleberry Finn. Huck's father has gone away and he is placed under the guardianship of the Widow Douglas and her sister, Miss Watson who try to "civilize" him. His life changes when his cruel father comes. Feeling unhappy about his dad and the "civilized" life, Huck runs away, fakes his own death, and goes to the Jackson's island where he meets Jim, Miss Watson's slave, who runs away because he is afraid that he will be sold. They live there until Huck hears the news that Jim is suspected as Huck's killer; as a result, they run away to Cairo, a free state, to free Jim.

In the journey, Huck shows his bravery when he is engaged in a blood feud between the Grangerfords and the Shepherdsons. Huck and Jim also face two sly people, the king and the duke, who are commit series of crime. Huck shows his tricks to reveal their bad intention toward Peter Wilks's daughters to get her money back.

In the end of the story, Jim is sold by the king to Tom Sawyer's uncle. Once again Huck, together with Tom Sawyer, play tricks to save Jim, but in the end Tom gets shot on his leg. Jim sacrifices his freedom to save Tom. Jim's generosity makes people start to think that he is more than just a slave.

### **Biography of the author**

Mark Twain, the pen-name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens was born in Florida, Missouri, on November 30, 1835. Mark Twain moved to Hannibal when was four, a port town on the Mississippi River, a slave state in the Union that becomes the idea for the fictional town of St. Petersburg in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer and The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. In 1868, when the American Civil war began, Twain met Charles Langdon's sister, Olivia and married her in February 1870 in Elmira, New York. They lived in Buffalo, New York from 1869 to 1871. In 1871, Twain moved his family to Hartford, Connecticut, and had three daughters: Susy (1872-1896), Clara (1874-1962), and Jean (1880-1909). Their marriage lasted for 34 years, until Olivia's death in 1904. In 1909 Mark Twain had a heart attack and died on April 21, 1910 in Redding, Connecticut and he is buried in his wife's family plot in Elmira, New York.

Source: Biography of Mark Twain