

# Individuals Taking a Stand Paper Prompt

Consider the messages regarding taking a stand that you gleaned from reading *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* and the other Unit 4 extended text selection you chose. How do the messages of *Huck Finn* and your chosen selection overlap? How do they differ? Once you have analyzed the messages, go deeper: what does each do to present his/her message? You will be comparing the author's methods.

**Explanatory Comparison Prompt:** Compare and contrast how each author *presents* his/her message. You must itemize all similarities and detail the differences. You may *not* include your opinion, but you should explain each author's perspective on his/her specific subject.

Consider narrative and rhetorical techniques (remember that even though he uses fiction, Twain is arguing in *Huck Finn*), approaches to the topic, literary and/or rhetorical devices, characters/people involved, conflicts presented, and details chosen. You can't cover all of these, so determine what is most important to discuss so that you address the prompt clearly and fully.

**Requirements:** Using devices, including an allusion and irony, enhance your comparison. In other words, you *must* use **allusion** and **irony**, and you *must* choose **other devices** (from this unit or previous units) to help you express your points effectively. **Highlight** all devices in each draft.

Read the rubric so you understand the expectations for this major paper.

**Prewriting** (See the Prewriting sheet in your Toolkit for directions.)

(Required — If you do not do the prewriting, you will earn a zero for the entire paper grade).

## Prewriting 1 — Scanning

Peruse your annotations for both *Huck Finn* and your chosen selection, and list their messages and the ways the authors create/establish the messages.

## Prewriting 2 — Venn Diagram

For each item listed on this selection's differences, you must list the corresponding difference for *Huck Finn*.

If one selection does something that the other book doesn't, then state that fact as the difference.

