

Use this graphic organizer to “hold your thinking”. Each piece of support should contain a specific textual quote, context introducing the quote, and a parenthetical citation with the page number. An explanation should be provided for each quote warranting the evidence. I have provided an example for you. Please use academic language and conventions.

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| Claim: The character of Huck Finn is an archetype of ‘the boy becoming a man’ theme prevalent in literature. |
| Support: Early in the novel, Huck Finn represents a typical youth who has yet to understand what it means to be an adult. Tom Sawyer and his “band of robbers”, which Huck Finn was a part of, create an oath that each boy must swear to follow. They decide that if any boy was to break the oath, the boy’s family would be “murdered”. However, the boys recognize a problem with the plan: Huck Finn does not have a family member to murder. As a solution, Huck offers “Miss Watson--they could kill her. Everybody said: ‘Oh, she’ll do, she’ll do. That’s all right. Huck can come in” (21). This excerpt is an example of the boys’ juvenile thought process. Mark Twain characterizes Huck Finn and the rest of the boys as adolescents who pretend to understand adult-like consequences and assumes the readers will understand this situation as nothing more boyhood banter. This excerpt supports that Huck, at least in the early parts of the novel, has neither the maturity to be considered an adult nor the confidence to correct the other boys’ idiotic ideas. |
| Support: |
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| Refute: |
| Claim: Jim’s role in the novel represents a paternal figure, who is needed for Huck Finn to complete his maturation. |
| Support: |
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| Refute: |
| Claim: The novel <i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> is an attempt to admonish its audience of the dangers of Romantic ideals and beliefs. |
| Support: |
| Support: |
| Support: |
| Refute: |

Claim: Mark Twain's novel is a great example of satirical writing that presents characters who pretend to value virtue but condone just the opposite.

Support:

Support:

Support:

Refute:

Claim: Mark Twain, because of his masterful use of literary techniques (plot, characterization, symbols, conflict, point of view, dialogue, etc.), is deserving of the title "Great American Author".

Support:

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Refute: