**American Literature**

**Huck Finn Honors Essay Scoring Guide (100 points total)**

**Name:**

**A (exemplary)** (12 points)

\_\_\_\_/6 Effectively addresses the author’s craft and style as it connects to the thesis statement.

\_\_\_\_/6 Writer demonstrated sophisticated word choice and sentence structure.

**B (Meets Expectations)**

**Section 1: Introduction** (6 Points)

\_\_\_\_/2 First sentence grabs the reader’s attention and creates intrigue

\_\_\_\_/2 Student defines satire

\_\_\_\_/2 Clear **thesis statement** that addresses the essay prompt

**Section 2: BODY PARAGRAPHS**

**Body Paragraph 1** (16 points)

\_\_\_\_/5 Body paragraph provides **clear reasons and support** for thesis statement

\_\_\_\_/5 Reasons are explained and supported with **specific textual evidence (QUOTES)**

\_\_\_\_/5 Quotes are **introduced, punctuated appropriately, and discussed fully.**

**\_\_\_\_/**1 **Smooth transitions** create a bridge between paragraphs. (go beyond “first, Second, Next or similarly cliché phrases.)

**Body Paragraph 2** (16 points)

\_\_\_\_/5 Body paragraph provides **clear reasons and support** for thesis statement

\_\_\_\_/5 Reasons are explained and supported with **specific textual evidence (QUOTES)**

\_\_\_\_/5 Quotes are **introduced, punctuated appropriately, and discussed fully.**

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**Body Paragraph 3** (16 points)

\_\_\_\_/5 Body paragraph provides **clear reasons and support** for thesis statement

\_\_\_\_/5 Reasons are explained and supported with **specific textual evidence (QUOTES)**

\_\_\_\_/5 Quotes are **introduced, punctuated appropriately, and discussed fully.**

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**Body Paragraph 4** (20 points)

\_\_\_\_/5 Body paragraph provides **clear reasons and support** for thesis statement

\_\_\_\_/5 Reasons are explained and supported with **specific textual evidence (QUOTES)**

\_\_\_\_/5 Quotes are **introduced, punctuated appropriately, and discussed fully.**

\_\_\_\_/5 Body paragraph analyzes how the current source of satire compares/contrasts to the satire of Twain. Consider technique, Horatian v. Juvenalian, elements of satire (irony, hyperbole, sarcasm), etc.

**Section 3: Conclusion** (6 points)

The conclusion should connect your analysis of Huck Finn to today’s society and the value of satire in American culture today.

\_\_\_\_/2 Restates thesis statement without repeating intro

\_\_\_\_/2 Reviews main points in the essay

\_\_\_\_/2 Provides insight regarding value of the satirizing the social issue today.

**Miscellaneous Requirements** (8 points)

\_\_\_\_\_/2 Title is engaging and accurately reflects content

\_\_\_\_\_/2 Paper reflects grade level fluency

\_\_\_\_\_/2 Typed- 12pt font, double-spaced

\_\_\_\_\_/2 All drafts uploaded to turnitin.com