

## Mark Twain Web Quest

**Directions:** Use this web quest to find out some more information on the famous author, Mark Twain. Follow the links, read the information, then answer the questions on a **NEW WORD DOCUMENT**. Label the questions you are answering. **\*Write in full sentences!\***

1. Mark Twain's had a great sense of humor, and many believe that if he was America's first stand-up comedian.
  - A. Find and write five quotes that show his funny personality.
  - B. What are some things you can tell about Mark Twain just by reading his quotes?  
(Name AT LEAST four things)

Here are a few places to start:

[http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mark\\_twain.html](http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/authors/m/mark_twain.html)

<http://www.twainquotes.com/quotesatoz.html>

2. Go to Google and type in "Mark Twain and Halley's Comet" (in quotation marks). Follow an appropriate link to discover what the connection is between the two. Type a paragraph explaining how Twain is associated with Halley's Comet. Include the web address of the site on which you found your information.
3. Using the websites below (and any others you find), answer these questions about Twain's life. Copy any additional websites you use onto your document.

[http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/people/a\\_c/clemens.htm](http://www.pbs.org/weta/thewest/people/a_c/clemens.htm)

<http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/railton/index2.html>

<http://marktwainhouse.org/>

<http://www.sparknotes.com/lit/huckfinn/context.html>

- A. What was Mark Twain's real name?
  - B. Where was he born?
  - C. Where did he grow up?
  - D. What work did he do on the Mississippi River?
  - E. What does "Mark Twain" mean?
  - F. When was *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* published?
  - G. What are five interesting facts about Mark Twain?
  - H. How did Mark Twain create his characters?
4. Watch the movie trailer for *Tom and Huck* below. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C-xXZyX2zU>
    - A. Name at least three things you can tell about Tom Sawyer by watching this clip.
    - B. Judging by the movie trailer, what do you think the book will be like?
  5. Look at the links below to find an interesting picture of Mark Twain. Copy and paste it into your word document.

<http://www.time.com/time/photogallery/0,29307,1819876,00.html>

[http://www.mtwain.com/l\\_mtwainpictures.html](http://www.mtwain.com/l_mtwainpictures.html)

[http://www.geh.org/ar/celeb/htmlsrc5/twain\\_sum00002.html#79:4019:0055](http://www.geh.org/ar/celeb/htmlsrc5/twain_sum00002.html#79:4019:0055)

- A. Why did you choose this picture?
- B. Do you feel it captures Twain's personality? Why or why not?

**Check over your work to be sure you followed all directions and answered all questions.**