**Huck Finn Themes and Essential Questions**

What is barbaric about the South? about American society? about western society?

Is there something inherently and ironically barbaric about the overall concept of society?

What is "Conscience" and what is its value?

What is the role/value of "sivilisation"?

What are Huck's moral struggles over Jim?

In what ways does Huck change over the course of the novel?

Is Huckleberry Finn a racist book?

Is Huckleberry Finn a "classic" or a "failure"?

Is Huck Finn a reliable narrator?

What are Twain’s messages for his readers?

How does this novel relate to Twain’s own life?

What does this novel reveal about slavery, religion, and women’s roles in the late 1800s?

How is the publication date of the novel significant?

Why is this one of the world's most read and also most banned novels?

Should this novel be read in high school classrooms?