*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* Controversy Assignment

On a separate piece of paper, respond to each question with about five sentences. Then list the title(s) of the article(s) from which you obtained the information to answer the question.

1. Why is the teaching and reading of *Huck Finn* so controversial?

2. How have the criticisms about the book changed over the years?

3. How do these various criticisms reflect a changing America?

4. What were Mark Twain’s views about racism and slavery?

5. What are the reasons some people have for using the “Sanitized” version of *Huck Finn* in schools?

6. Why do teachers and scholars in the field of American Literature consider The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn and important book for students to read and study?

7. How does knowing about the history of the controversy make you feel about reading the book? (No article reference necessary.)

8. Under what circumstances, if any, do you think a book should be taken off a school's reading list and/or out of its library? (No article reference necessary.)