***Mark Twain Analytical Essay Outline***

Follow these guidelines when composing your essay.

Choose three pieces of Twain's work (“The Mesmerist,” “Advice to Youth,” “Notorious Jumping Frog,” “Adam's Diary,” “Epigrams,” and one other that you may find on your own...I recommend “Obituary,” “My First Lie,” or “How to Tell a Story,” which are all linked on the Weebly site.)

Your essay is to focus on how Twain uses humor, wit, and sarcasm to expose insights into human behavior.

**Paragraph 1:** intro (include thesis statement, the three works you chose, and a bit of information about the time period these were written)

**Paragraphs 2-4:** body (one paragraph per piece; minimum of three direct quotes per paragraph, and an explanation of how each quote reveals an aspect of human nature...do not simply give lists of quotes with no justification)

**Paragraph 5:** closing (a wrap-up that revisits thesis and gives closure)

You may print and hand in your work, or you may submit it online through the Weebly site.