Mark Twain

and the

American Landscape

As a wrap-up to our Twain study, you are to complete a “mini-research” project and a narrative essay.

***“Mini-Research” (200 points)***

Twain is famous for using humor, wit, and sarcasm to make valid points about human nature and our relationships with one another. Using three pieces of Twain’s work, compose a multiparagraph essay that analyzes this idea. You will be graded on:

* organization (think of each paragraph as a file folder)
* proper and appropriate use of quotes from his texts
* use of standard, correct English (punctuation, spelling, paragraphing)

***“Narrative” (150 points)***

As “The Father of American Literature,” Twain is most noted for bringing distinct parts of America to life by using the writing technique of Regionalism. America is a metaphorical quilt with many patches, and each different one makes the whole more beautiful. For your narrative, you are to describe how you fit into this quilt. ***How are you a snapshot of a piece of America?*** You will be graded on the same criteria listed above, but since this is a narrative piece, it will be more personal and informal. You are simply telling your story. This should be about 400-500 words. Use details to bring your narrative to life.