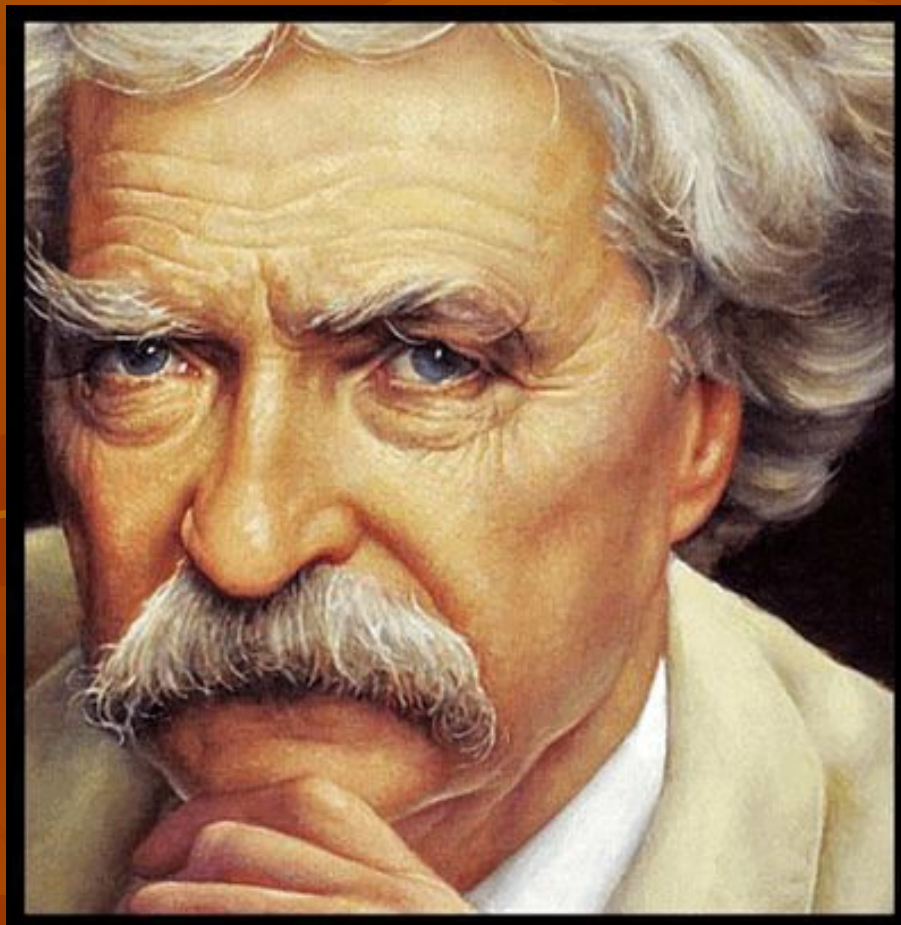
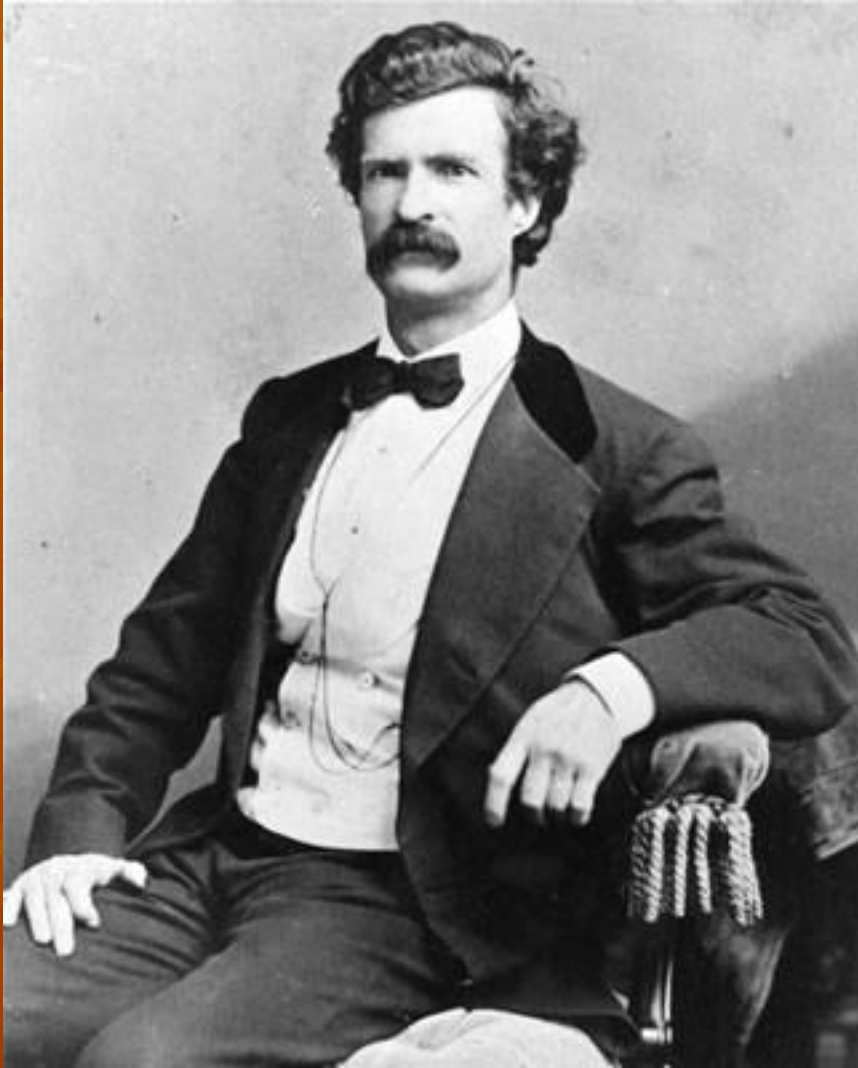


Mark Twain

November 30, 1835 – April 21, 1910

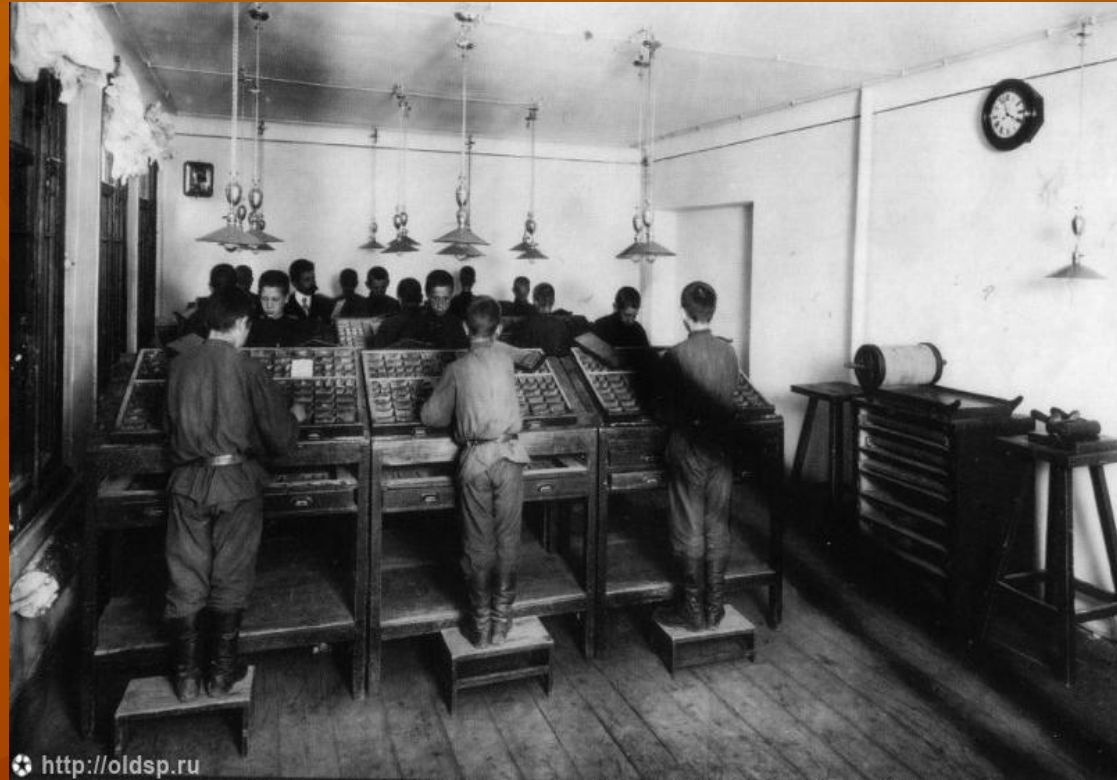




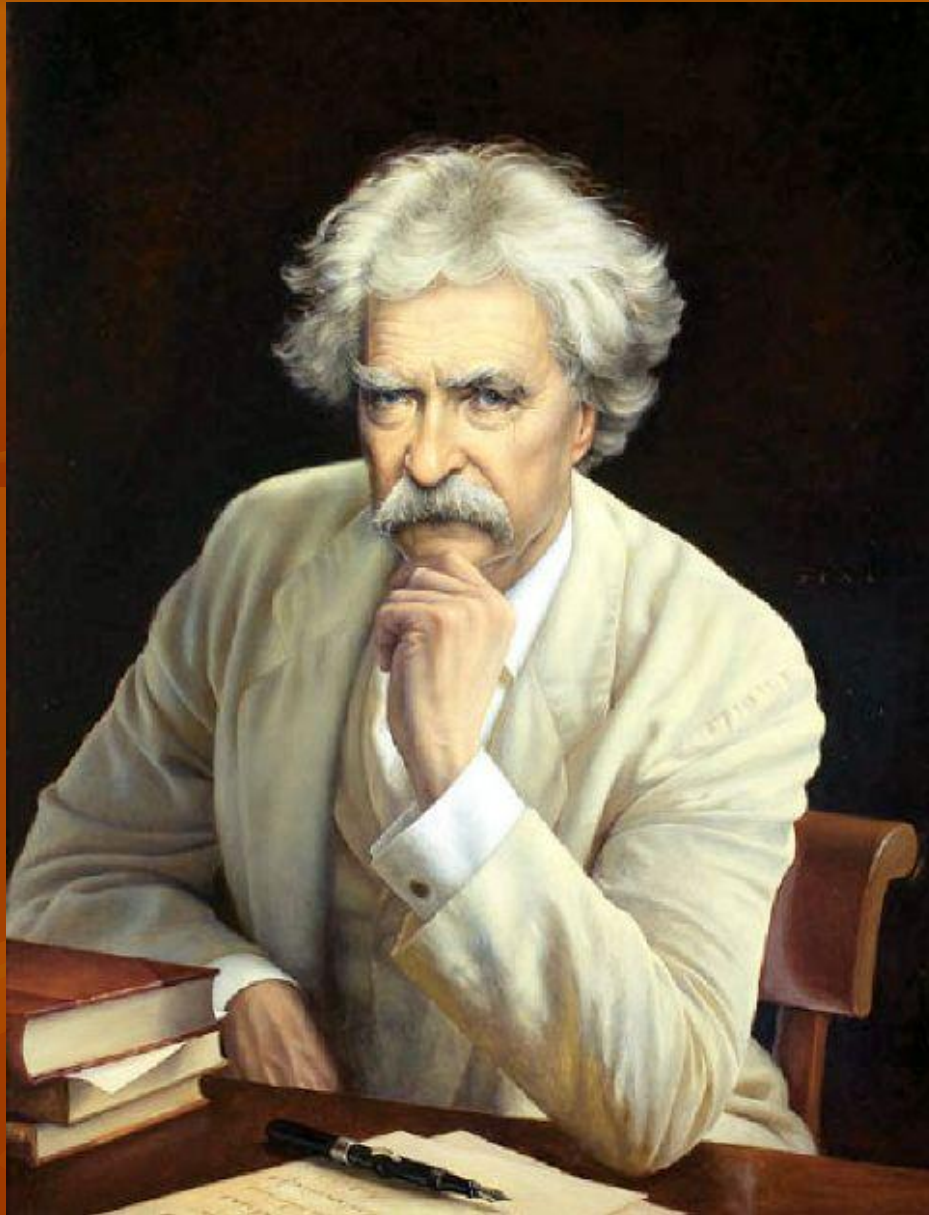
- **Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known by his pen name Mark Twain, is a famous American writer. His works are very popular with children all over the world. The 30 th of November is the birthday of Mark Twain.**



Sam (Samuel in short) was born in 1835 in the small town of Hannibal on the Mississippi river. He was a son of a lawyer and spent his childhood in his hometown. When Sam was 5, he was sent to school. He was a lively boy and he was the leader in all the boys' games.



In 1847 his father died. The boy had to leave school and look for a job. For ten years he worked as a printer. All his life Samuel was very fond of reading. While he was a printer he spent much time in libraries. So he educated himself in public libraries in the evenings.



In 1857 he found a job on a boat and travelled up and down the Mississippi. On the boat he became a pilot. It was where he got his pen-name Mark Twain. It was taken from the term “mark twain,” meaning “two fathoms” (морская сажень), Clemens worked as a pilot for more than four years.

More than anything, Mark Twain loved the river.

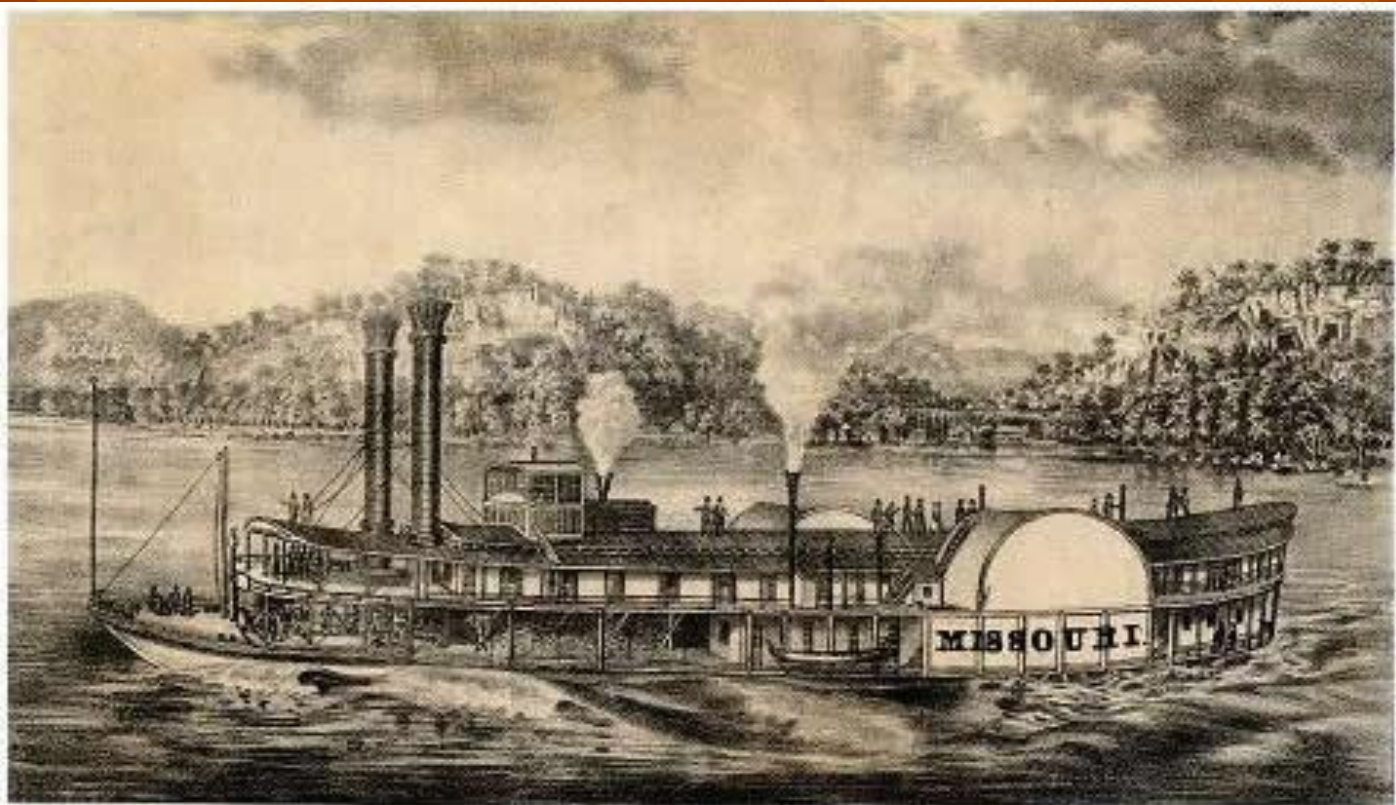
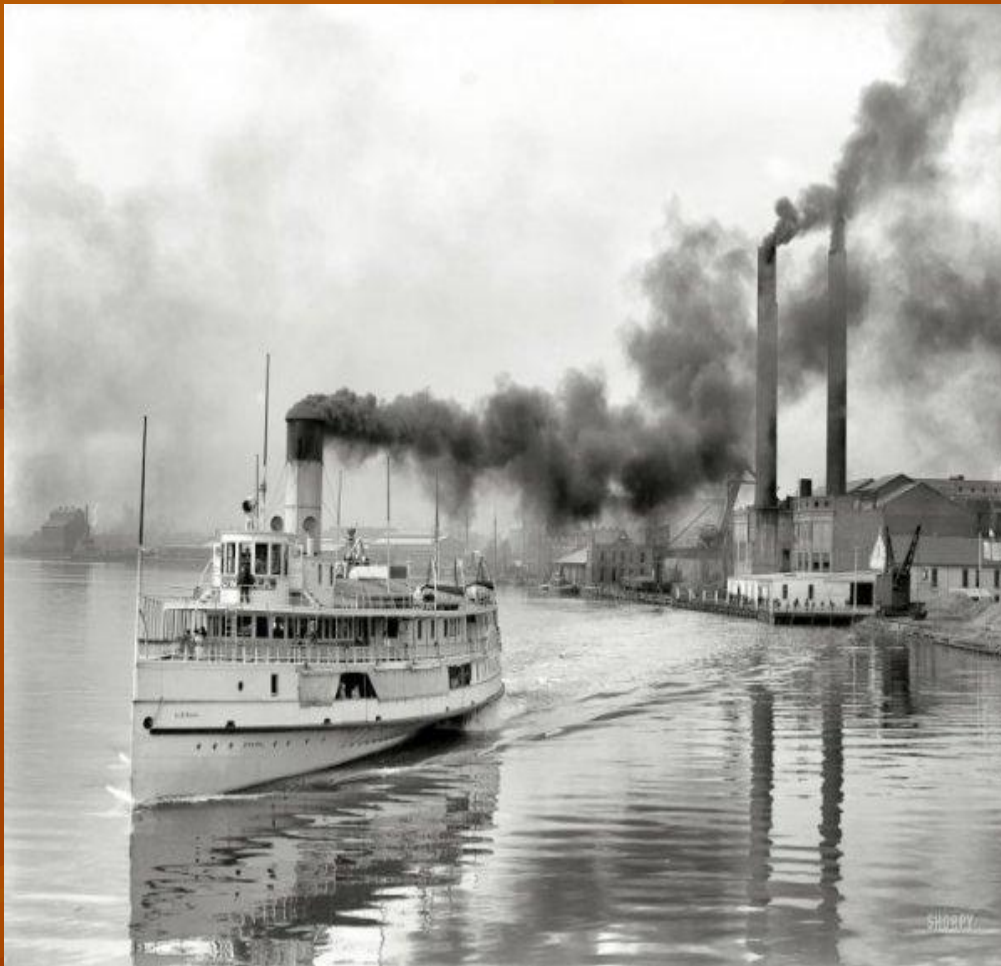



Illustration of the Steamer Missouri
STEAMER MISSOURI.
FOR THE FAMILY MAGAZINE.



In accordance with the Act of Congress, approved Aug. 30, 1852.

No. *576*



PILOT'S CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, Inspector for the District of St. Louis, certify that *Samuel Williams* having been by them this day duly examined, touching his qualifications as a Pilot of a Steam Boat, is a suitable and safe person to be intrusted with the power and duties of Pilot of Steam Boats, and do license him to act as such for one year from this date, on the following river, to wit: *On the Mississippi River* to and from *St. Louis and New Orleans*.

Given under our hands, this *9th* day of *April*, 185*4*.

James H. McLean
Inspector

I, *James H. McLean*, Inspector for the District of St. Louis, certify that the above named *Samuel Williams* this day, before me, solemnly swore that he would faithfully and honestly, according to his best skill and judgment, without concealment or reservation, perform all the duties required of him as a Pilot, by the Act of Congress, approved August 30, 1852, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to provide for the better security of the lives of passengers on board of vessels propelled in whole or in part by steam; and for other purposes.'"

Given under my hand, this *9th* day of *April*, 185*4*.

James H. McLean

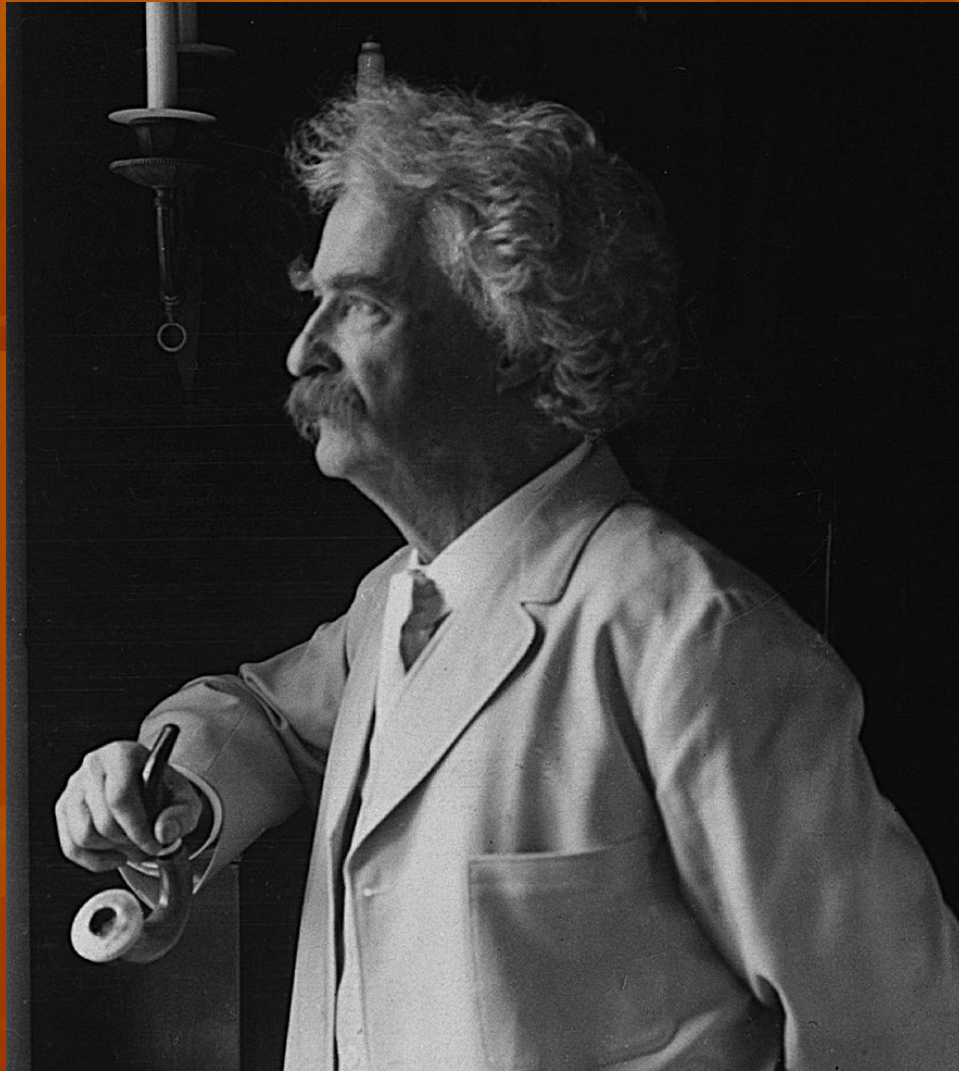
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Later he used to speak about this time as the happiest period of his life and described it in his book “ Life on the Mississippi”.

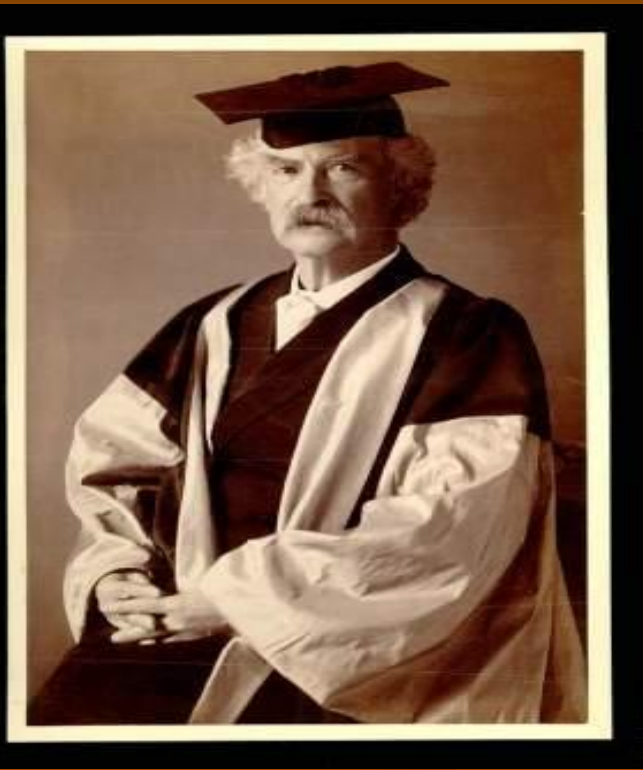




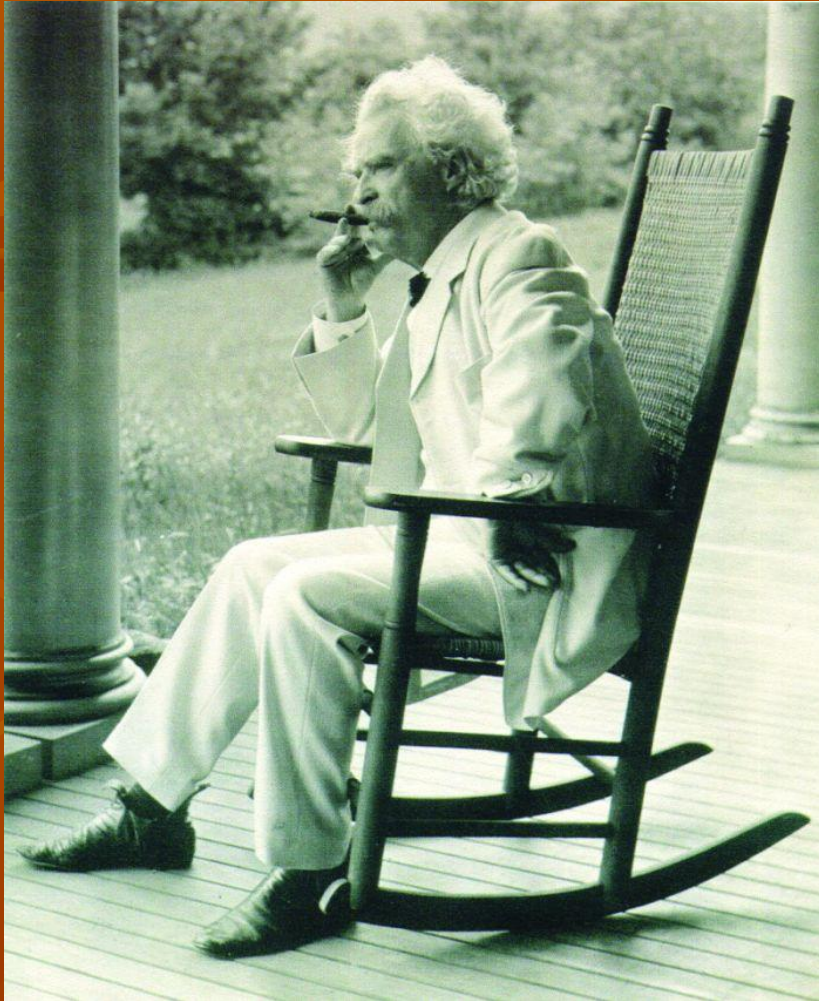
Mark Twain also worked on gold mines for a year. There he began writing humorous stories and sent them to newspapers. Soon publishers liked his stories, and he was invited to work as a journalist for a newspaper.



Mark Twain did not get a good education, but he knew folk songs and tales of the Negroes who lived along the Mississippi river, where he grew up.



Mark Twain was fond of travelling. He travelled much making speeches in different towns. He always told funny stories. He was also a famous humorist. There are many humorous stories connected with his name. Here are some of them.

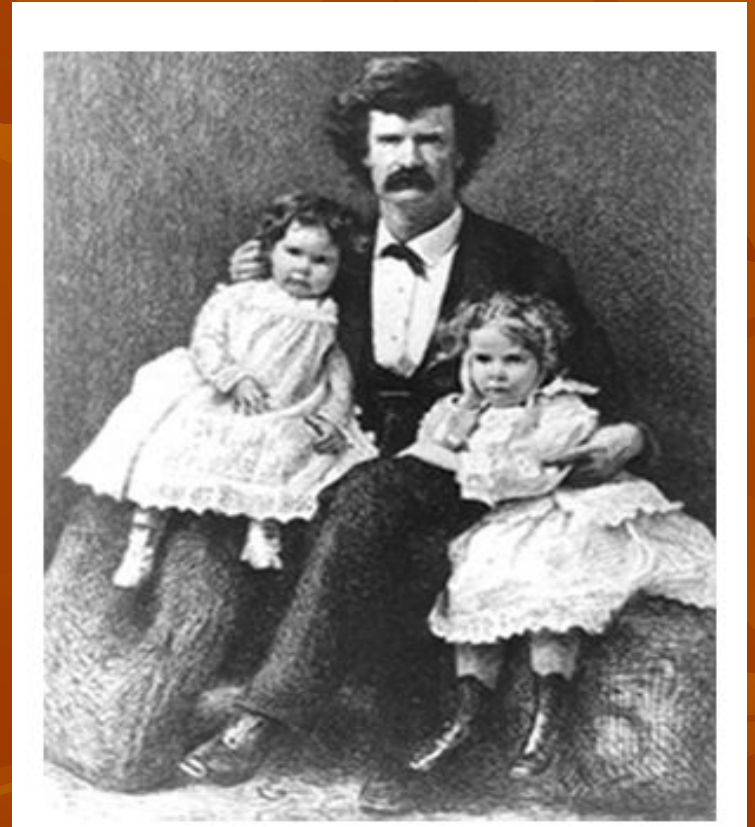


So the professions he tried gave Mark Twain knowledge of life and people and helped him to find his true profession—the profession of a writer. The profession of a writer did not bring much money to Mark Twain and he had to give lectures on literature and read his stories to the public. He visited many countries and for a long time lived in England.

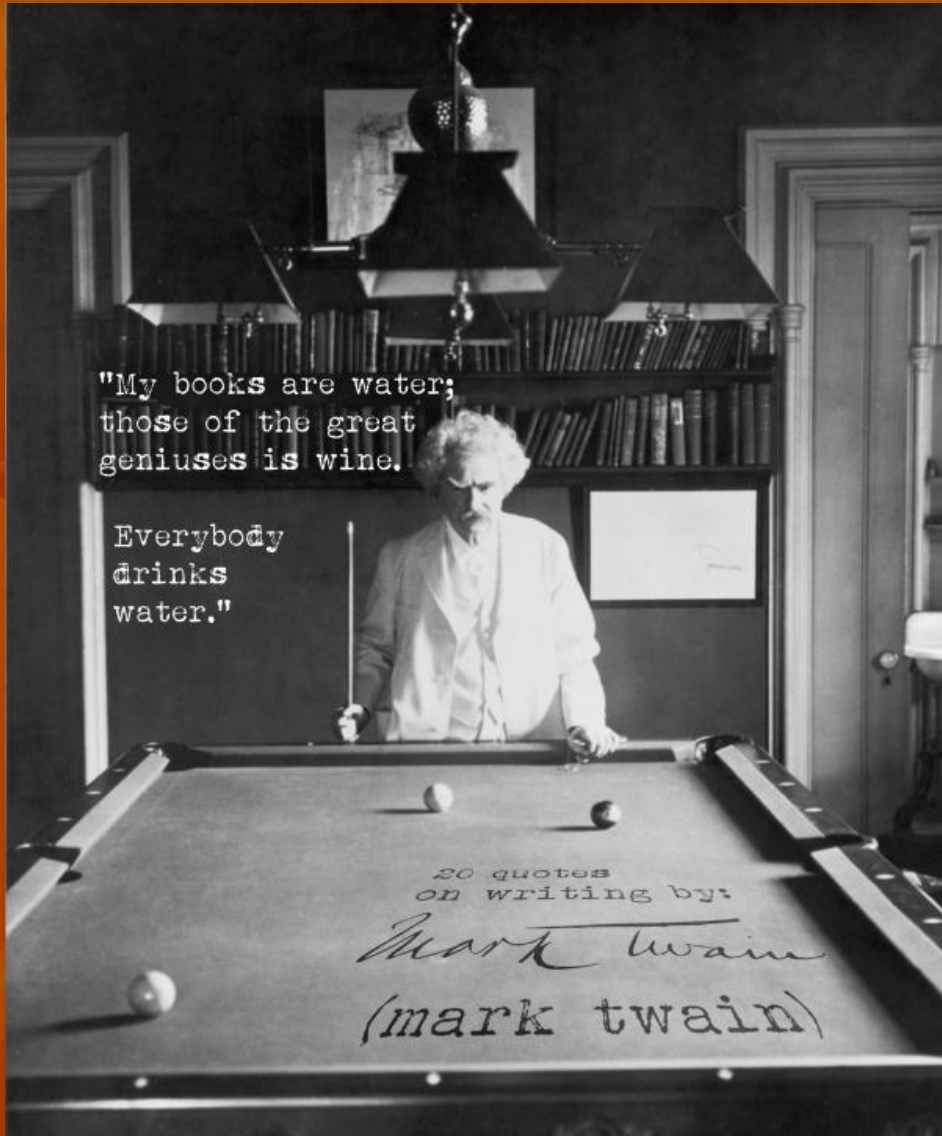


Olivia Langdon Clemens

Mark Twain was married. He had a son and three daughters. He loved them very much. Sam Clemens always had plenty of time to play with them. They always made their father tell funny stories.







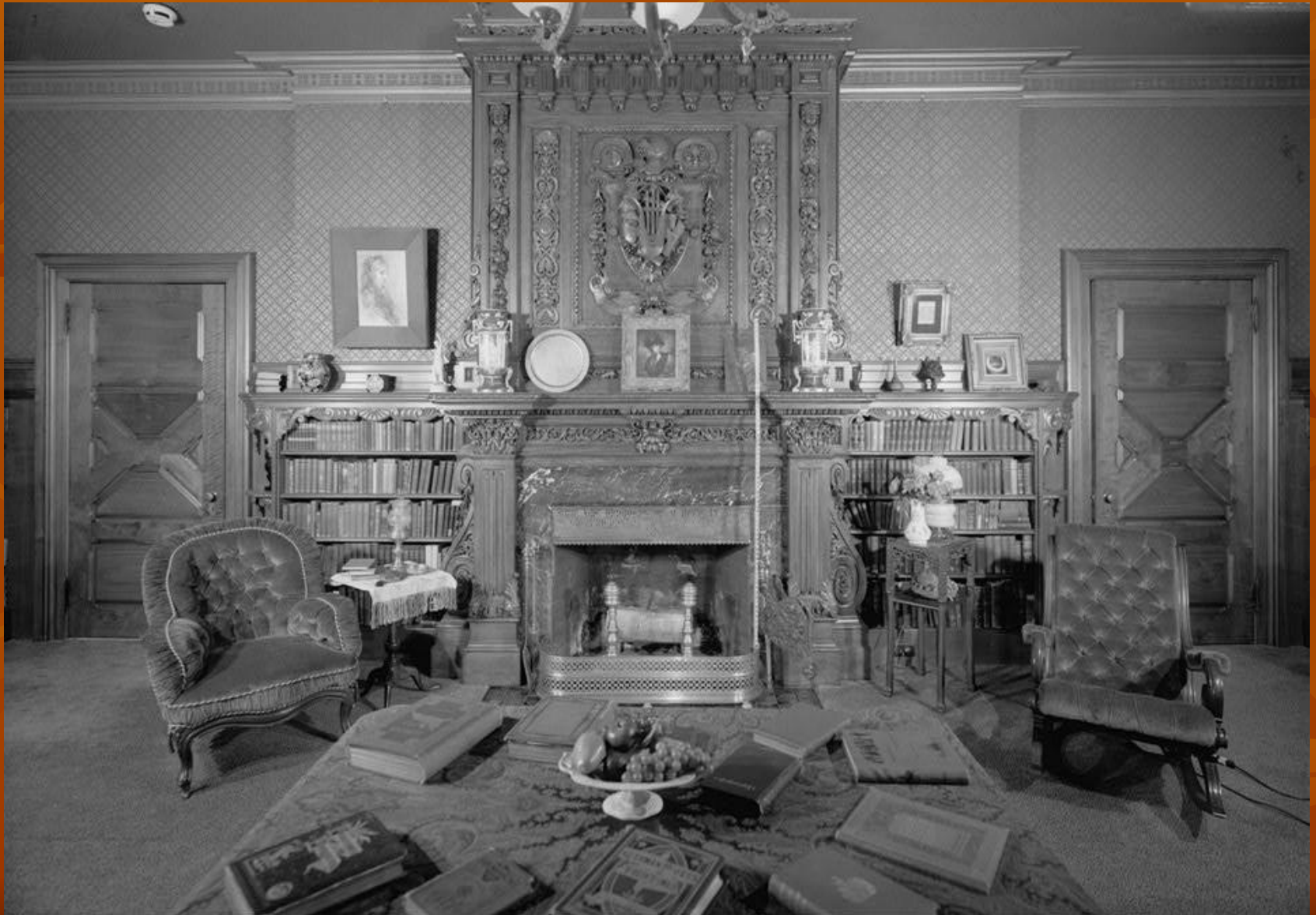
Mark Twain's favourite game was billiards. He loved to talk, to make speeches at banquets or in theatres. He could talk on and on.

One of his hobbies was fishing. He went fishing whenever he had a chance, even in the closed season, when fishing was not allowed anywhere in lakes and rivers.



Mark Twain died in 1910 after a brief illness (непродолжительная болезнь). He was almost 75 years old. His travels and adventures came to an end. American literature suffered a severe loss.

The Mark Twain House- Library



The Mark Twain House-museum in Hartford





The Mark Twain House-museum in Hannibal

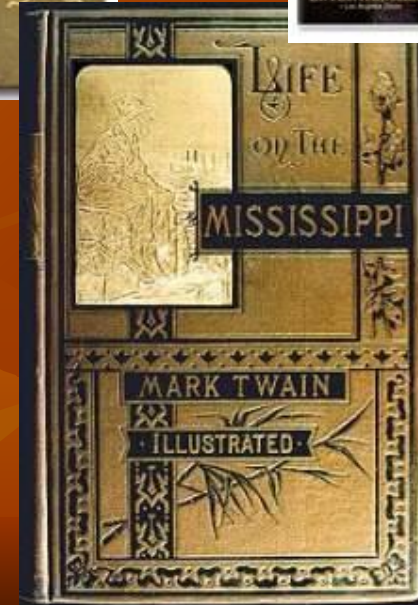
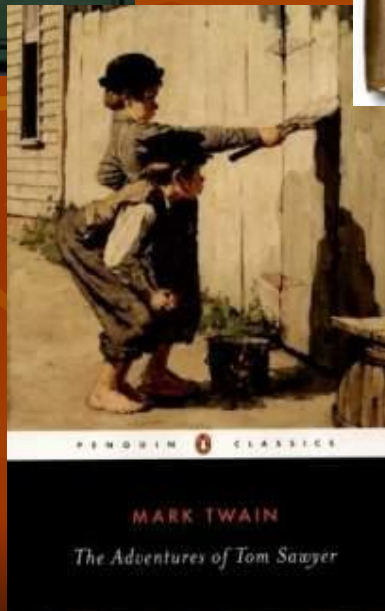
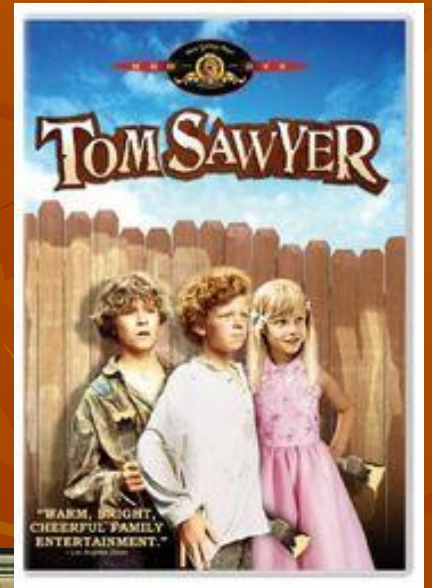
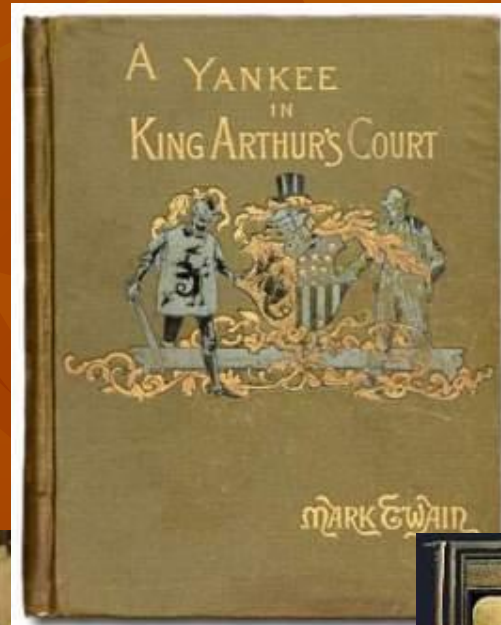
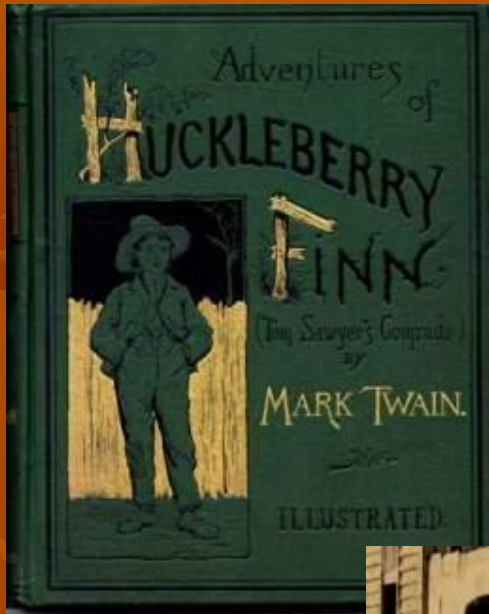
Mark Twain statue in Garden City, Kansas

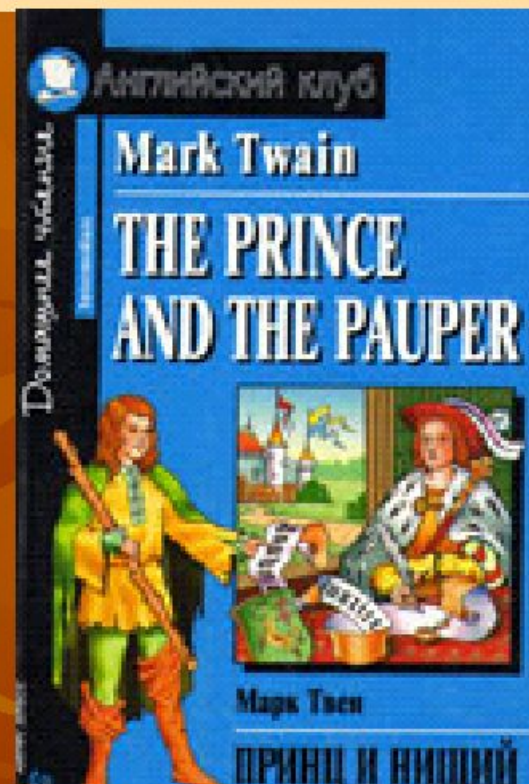
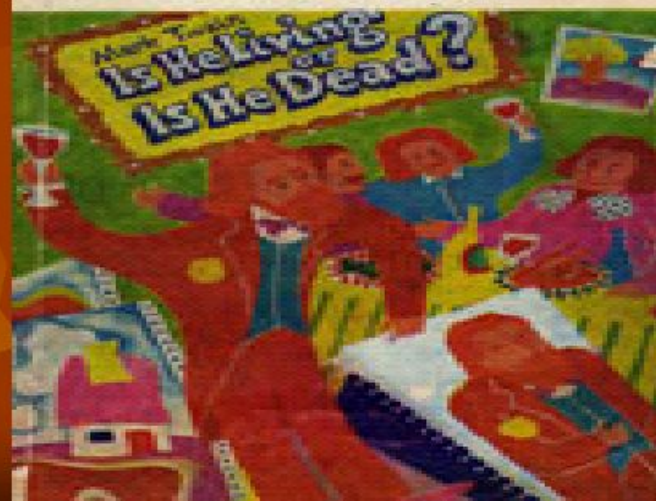
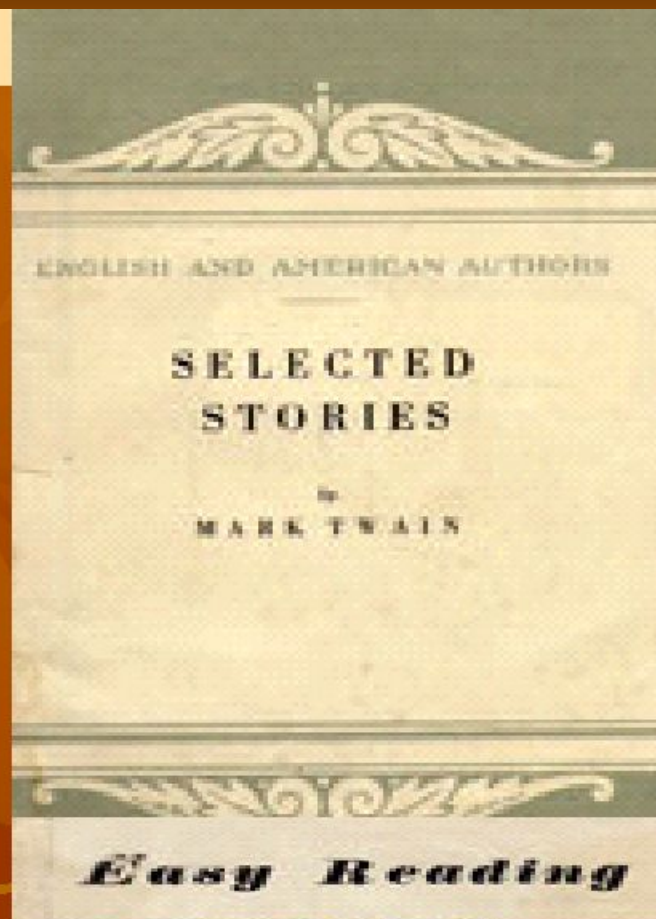
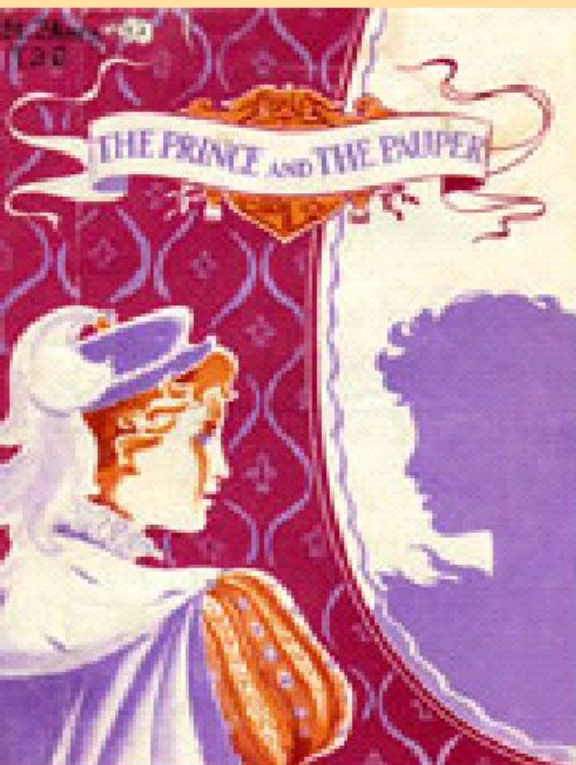


Mark Twain Memorial Bridge over the Mississippi River opened in 1999.

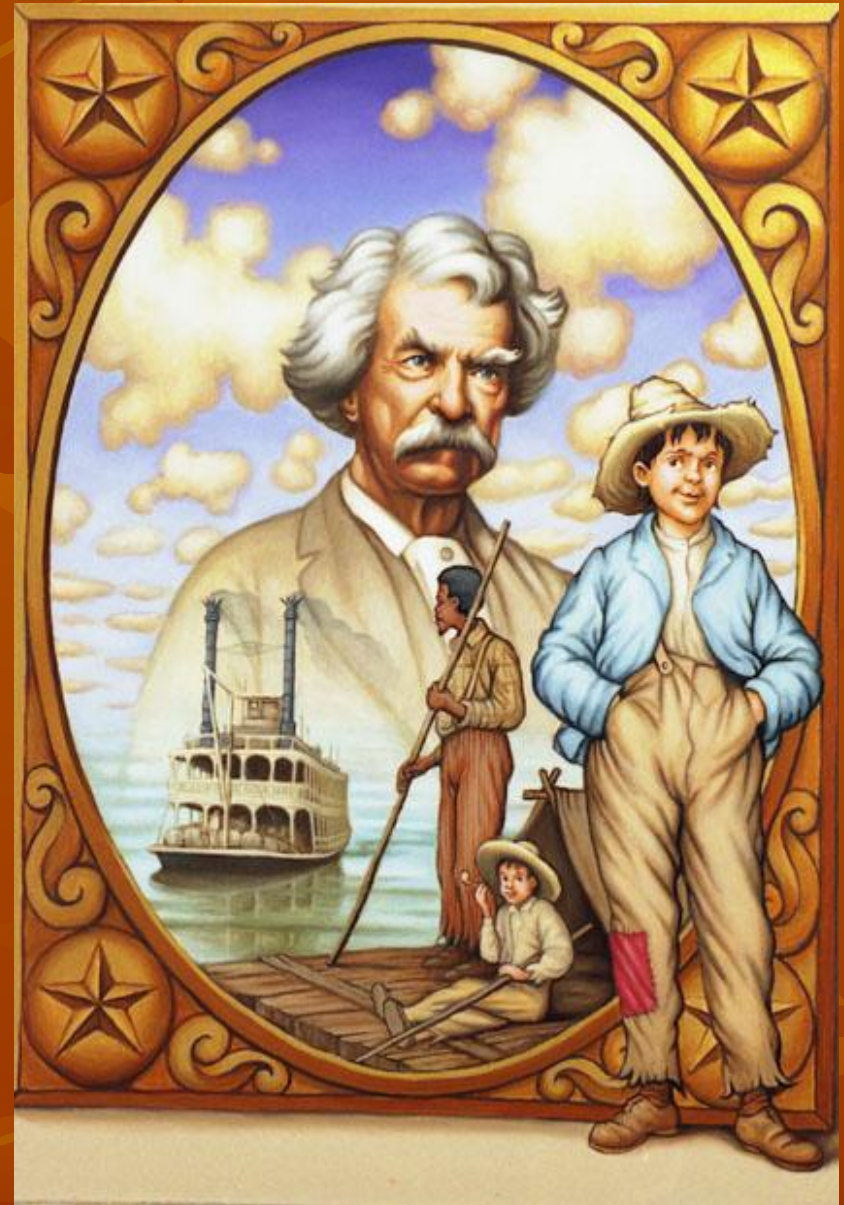


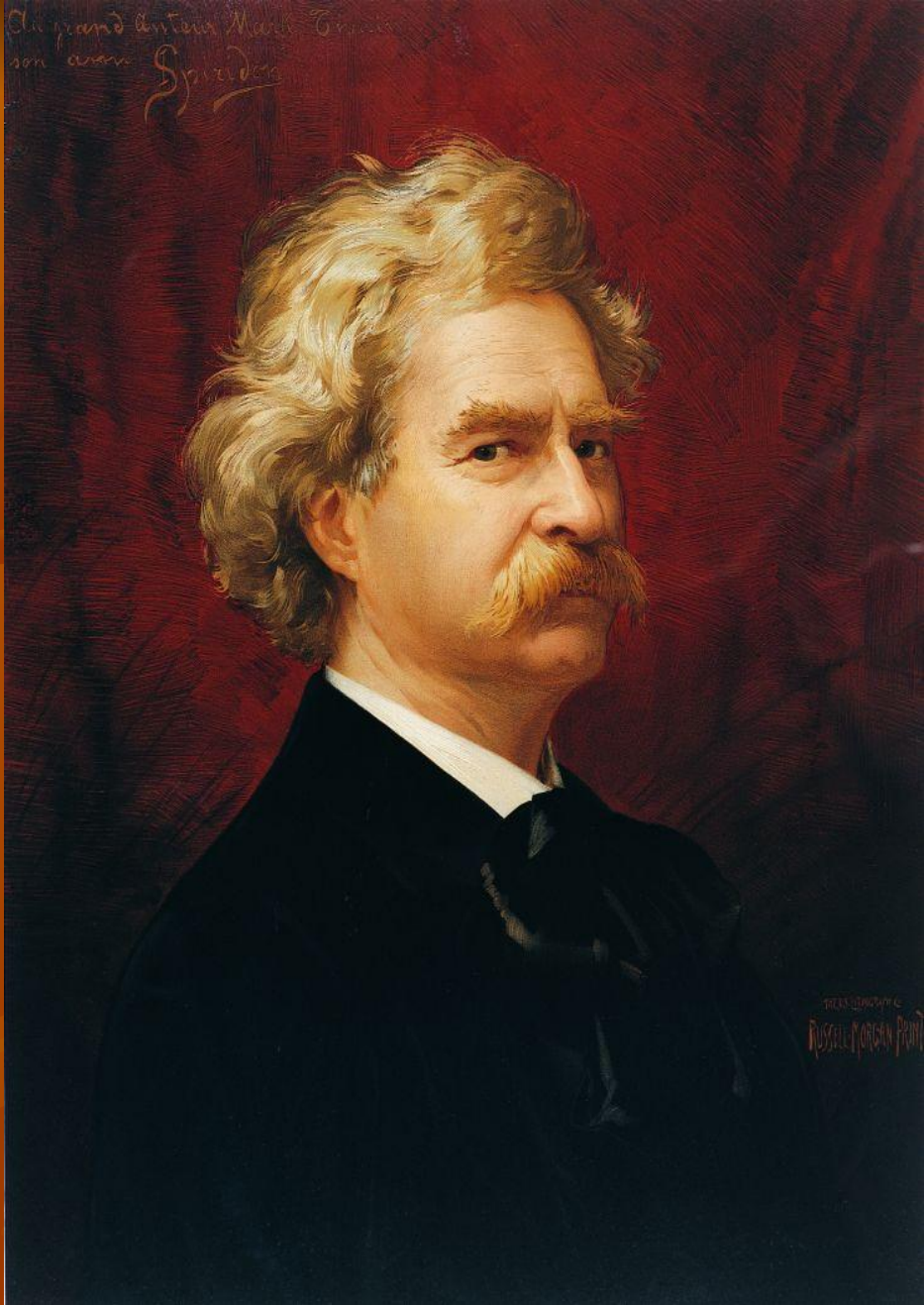
Mark Twain and his books.





In 1876 the book “ The Adventures of Tom Sawyer” was published. As Mark Twain said later many of the events described in this book really took place and characters came from real life. Tom Sawyer was very often the portrait of the writer himself, aunt Polly was his mother, Tom’s brother Sid was like his own brother.





The” Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” was published in 1884.

Among Mark Twain’s books is” The Prince and the Pauper” a tale, loved by children all over the world.

ВИКТОРИНА

We want you to meet some of Mark Twain's main characters. But first you should answer my questions:

- 1. What was Mark Twain's real name?**
 - A. Lawrence Smith**
 - B. Clem Samuels**
 - C. Harry Jefferson**
 - D. Samuel Langhorne Clemens**
- 2. When and where was Mark Twain born?**
 - A. December 15, 1833 in Baltimore, Maryland**
 - B. March 7, 1847 in Princeton, New Jersey**
 - C. June 24, 1863 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
 - D. November 30, 1835 in Hannibal, Missouri**
- 3. How old was Twain when he had to leave school following the death of his father?**

A. 10	B. 12
C. 14	D. 16

4. What was Twain's first job?

- A. Journalist**
- B. Carpenter**
- C. Baker**
- D. Printer**

5. Which of these novels was written first?

- A. Adventures of Huckleberry Finn**
- B. The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**
- C. Tom Sawyer Abroad**
- D. A Murder, a Mystery**

6. Who did Twain marry in 1870?

- A. Olivia Langdon**
- B. Diana Dell**
- C. Olive Oak**
- D. Helen Hunter**

7. When did Twain publish 'A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court'?

- A. 1889**
- B. 1894**
- C. 1879**
- D. 1882**

8. What was the name of Mark Twain's daughter who died in 1896?

A. Polly

B. Cindy

C. Susy

D. Miranda

9. What is the name of Mark Twain's character who has adventures on the Mississippi with a runaway (беглый) slave?

A. Slick Willy

B. Dirty Harry

C. Slim Pickens

D. Huck Finn

10. What year did Mark Twain die?

A. 1882

B. 1897

C. 1910

D. 1906

Try to guess

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Tom Sawyer and
Huckleberry Finn

Try to guess



She is neither very small nor very tall. Her hair is grey. She wears a dark dress. She takes care about her house and her family. Her hobby is cooking. She does not go to school. I think she loves Tom very much and Tom loves her.

What is her name?



Aunt Polly



She has a father and a mother. She lives in big house. She goes to school every day. She can read and write. She is little. She has a round face. Her eyes are large and blue. Her hair is long. She wears a nice dress. She is a beautiful girl. What is her name?

Becky



Translate the English proverbs

All is well, that ends well.

You know a man by his friends.

A friend in need is a friend indeed.

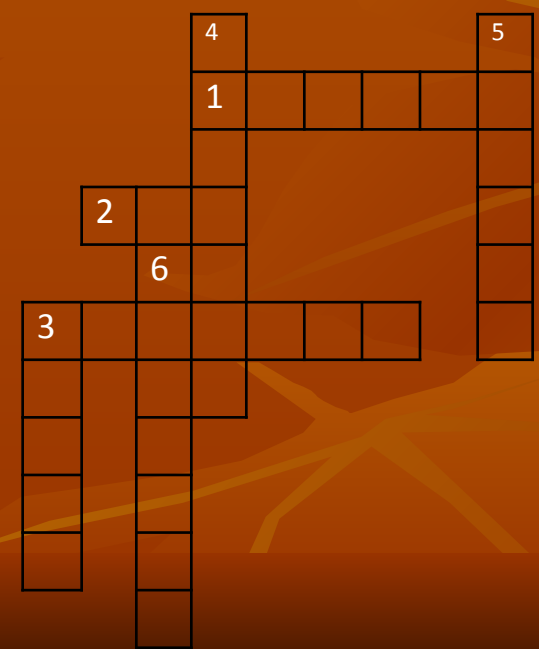
Better late than never.

Across (по горизонтали):

- 1. What was Mark Twain's father?**
- 2. What was his best friend's name?**
- 3. What was Mark Twain after his father's death?**

Down (по вертикали):

- 3. What was Mark Twain's on a boat?**
- 4. What was his real surname?**
- 5. What did he like to do most of all in his life?**
- 6. What did he like to play very much?**



Thank you



My friend