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What is the relationship between huck and jim

The dynamic of Jim and Huck’s relationship is an integral part to understand when reading ‘The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn’, especially throughout the second half of the book. Mark Twain forces the reader to relate to the characters in this book through their relationships with family members. Early in the second half of the book, we see the relationship between Jim and his family when Huck explains seeing Jim “moaning and mourning to himself” (226) because of how deeply he misses his wife and his children. This small passage exposes many important aspects of the book including Jim’s value in his family, and Huck’s recognition of Jim’s feelings. The passage also indicates the common and significant difference between the black and white people at this time when Huck says “I do believe he cared just as much for his people as white folks does for their’n.” (226). Huck often makes observations about Jim such as this, or when he says “he was low and homesick; because he hadn’t ever been away from home before in his life,” (226). Even early in their travels together, Twain shows us in these small ways how strong the relationship between Huck and Jim is. Another specific example of the strength in their relationship is when Huck reminds himself how much they mean to each other after writing a letter to Miss Watson revealing where Jim was after escaping from being her slave. Huck says “I was the best friend old Jim ever had in the world and the only one he’s got now.” (262). In subtle and obvious ways, Mark Twain constantly reminds the reader of the strength of Jim and Huck’s connection, which is consequently a defining and vital part of this book. All children have a special place, whether chosen by a conscious decision or not this is a place where one can go to sort their thoughts. Nature can often provide comfort by providing a nurturing surrounding where a child is forced to look within and choices can be made untainted by society. Mark Twain once said “Don’t let school get in the way of your education.” Twain states that this education which is provided by society, can actually hinder human growth and maturity.Although a formal education shouldn’t be completely shunned, perhaps true life experience, in society and nature, are a key part of development. In the novel Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Mark Twain throws the curious yet innocent mind of Huck Finn out into a very hypocritical, judgmental, and hostile world, yet Huck has one escape-the Mississippi River constantly flowing nearby. Here nature is presented as a thought provoking environment when experienced alone.The river is quiet and peaceful place where Huck can revert to examine any predicament he might find himself in: “They went off, and I got aboard the raft, feeling bad and lowThen I thought a minute, and says to myself, hold on,- s’pose you’d a done right and give Jim up; would you felt better than you do now? No, says I, I’d feel bad” (p. 127). Only a few weeks with Jim and still feeling great ambivalence, Huck returns to the river to think. Twain tries here to tell the reader how strong the “mob” really is, and only when totally alone is Huck able to make the morally correct decision.The natural flowing and calm of the river cause this deep-thought, show! ing how unnatural the collective thought of a society can be. The largest and most obvious test of Huck’s character is his relationship with Jim. The friendship and assistance which he gives to Jim go completely against all that “civilization” has taught him; at first this concept troubles Huck and causes him a great deal of pain, but over time, through his life experiences and shared times with Jim, Huck crosses the line upheld by the racist South and comes to know Jim as a human being.Huck is at a point in his life where opinions are formed, and by growing on the river, Huck can stand back from society and form his own. Eventually he goes as far as to risk his life for Jim: “And got to thinking of our trip down the river; and I see Jim before me, all the time, in the day, and in the night-time, sometimes moonlight, sometimes storms, and we a floating along, talking, and singing, and laughing. But somehow I couldn’t see no places to harden me against him, but only the other kind! studied a minute sort of holding my breath, and then I s! s to myself: ‘All right, then, I’ll go to hell!’” (pp. 270-271).After a long and thought-provoking adventure, Huck returns to the raft one final time to decide the fate of his friend. Symbolically, Huck makes the morally correct decision away from all others, thinking on the river. Although it might not be evident to himself, Huck causes the reader to see that “civilization”, in their treatment of blacks especially, is not civilized at all. Every person Huck and Jim come across seems to just be following someone else blindly, as the whole country were some sort of mob.In the last few chapters, Tom Sawyer is re-introduced and the reader is left to examine how different environments: “civilization” and nature (the river), have affected the children’s growth. It is distinctly evident that Huck has turned out to be the one with a clear and intelligent mind, and Tom, although he can regurgitate worthless facts about Louis XVI and Henry VIII, shows no real sign of maturity. “The first time I caught up to Tom, private, I asked him what was his idea, time of the evasion? - what it was he planned to do if the evasion worked out all right and he managed to set a nigger free that was already free before?And he said, what he had planned in his head, from the start, if we got Jim out, all safe, was for us to run him down the river, on the raft, and have adventures plumb to the mouth” (p. 360). Huck has always thought of Tom as more intelligent than himself, but he cannot understand how Tom could toy with Jim’s life in such a way. For much time, Huck is! without the river and it is though his mind clouds; he follows along with Tom playing a sick game until the end when he is once again threatened with being “civilized”.But I reckon I got to light out for the Territory ahead of the rest, because aunt Sally she’s going to adopt me and sivilize me and I can’t stand it. I been there before” (p. 362). Huck’s adventure, if nothing else, has given him a wary eye towards “civilized” society. When the prospect of settling down with Sally is presented he light’s out for the Territory to distance himself from a restrictive, formal education. Twain ends his novel by setting Huck up for a new experience and personal growth.The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn taught an important lesson, one that showed the importance of the self in the maturing process. We saw Huck grow up by having the river as a place of solitude and thought, where he was able to participate in society at times, and also sit back and observe society. Through the child’s eye we see how ignorant and mob-like we can all be. Then nature, peace, and logic are presented in the form of the river where Huck goes to think. Though no concise answer is given, the literature forces the reader to examine their surroundings, and question their leaders.To export a reference to this article please select a referencing style below:StudyBoss. (October 2019). The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. Retrieved from Copied to Clipboard.“The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.” studyboss.com. 10 2019. 08 2021. < -.Reference Copied to Clipboard.StudyBoss. October 2019. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. [online]. Available from: [Accessed 05 August 2021].Reference Copied to Clipboard.StudyBoss. The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn [Internet]. October 2019. [Accessed 05 August 2021]; Available from: Copied to Clipboard. Huck not only realizes that Jim is a human being, but he also comes to terms with the fact that Jim is a good person, and has an extremely good heart. Jim, who becomes Huck’s friend as he travels down the Mississippi river, is a man of intelligence and consideration. “An understanding of Jim’s character is by no means a simple matter; he is a highly complex and original creation, although he appears at first sight very simple” (Hansen, 388). Jim has one of the few well functioning families in the novel. Although he has been estranged from his wife and children, he misses them dreadfully, and it is only the thought of a lasting separation from them that motivates his unlawful act of running away from Miss Watson. Jim is rational about his situation and must find ways of accomplishing his goals without provoking the fury of those who could turn him in. Regardless of the restrictions and constant fear Jim possesses he consistently acts as a gracious human being and a devoted friend. In fact, Jim could be described as the only existent adult in the novel, and the only one who provides an encouraging, decent example for Huck to follow. The people that surround Huck who are supposed to be teaching him of morals, and not to fall into the down falls of society are the exact people who need to be taught the lessons of life by Jim. Jim conveys an honesty that makes the dissimilarity between him and the characters around him evident. Preview Preview This preview is partially blurred. Sign up to view the complete essay. Mark Twain tells the story of Huckleberry Finn, and his maturity that is developed through a series of events. This maturity is encouraged through the developing relationship between Huck and Jim, as well as the strong influence Jim has on Huck. Jim’s influence not only effects Huck’s maturity, but his moral reasoning; and the influence society has on Huck. Jim is Huck’s role model; even though Huck would not admit it. At first Jim seems to portray a Black stereotypical role with his superstitions and ignorance, although his true identity and maternal role begins to shine through as his interactions with Huck progress. Jim’s character traits are easy to over look because of his seeming ignorance, but in reality Jim possessed some qualities that created a positive influence on Huck. He began by demonstrating to Huck how friends teach friends. His honest compassion also eventually causes Huck to resist the ideas society has placed upon him, and see Jim as an equal- rather than property that can be owned. Huck knew he was going against society, and of the consequences that he could receive for freeing a slave. “It would get all around, that Huck Finn helped a nigger to get his freedom; and if I was to ever see anybody from that town again, I’d be ready to get down and lick his boots for shame”, (269-270). Huck then claims, “All right, then, I’ll go to hell..”(272) This shows that Huck was willing to put himself on the line for a slave, because he ceased to view Jim as property and recognized him as a friend. At the beginning of the story Huck would have never done this, but after the many adventures that occur, Jim’s unconditional love for Huck pierces the shell society placed around his thought. Huck first realizes the unconditional love Jim has for him after he plays a trick on him. This occurs after Jim and Huck are separated in the fog. Huck attempts to trick Jim into thinking that he dreamed the whole situation in which t.. Continue reading this essay Continue reading Page 1 of 6 Plagiarism-free Papers Producing unique texts is what drives our service. We check every paper for plagiarism before sending it you. Our bespoke software ensures that what you receive hasn’t been published before. Our developers keep the scanner updated with the latest algorithms. 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