

The Mysterious Manning Society's
Magnificent Mark Twain Adventure

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Introduction

The Mysterious Manning Society wishes to take an educational field trip to the Mark Twain House in order to develop a greater understanding of the book. We have been reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* by esteemed American author, Samuel Langhorne Clemens. This field trip will help us understand the purpose of the book, along with helping us understand the plot better.

Book club members Isabelle H., Dylan R., Mary D., Payton R., Haley M. and Camille M. will explain why this field trip will help us explore this book in greater depth and reward us for sticking with this difficult book.



Program

The program that we would like to participate in is a one-hour, hands-on tour of the Mark Twain House. We will be able to experience what life really was like back then, and have the chance to develop a *deeper understanding* of the book, especially the setting (including how the characters talked). And while it will be fun, the Washington Post states that: **“Brain research suggests that fun is not just beneficial to learning, but, by many reports, required for authentic learning and long-term memory.”** So, not only is this field trip a fun experience, but it is a learning experience to help us develop our understanding of history and our favorite book, Tom Sawyer.

This tour also meets common core standard SL.3-5.1 (this is our grade level standard) for language arts. This is important because this tour will not be below our grade standard or above, and we will learn things that were meant for our grade level. So, we can have a learning experience that will benefit our knowledge the most. Overall, this program will be an important learning experience for all of us book club members, and we will benefit from this by developing a deeper understanding of not only our book club book, but the history behind it.

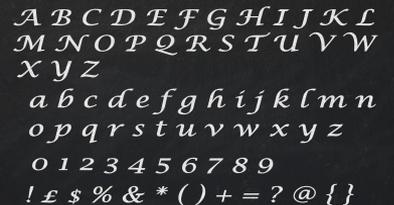


Education

One reason why we should go to the Mark Twain house as a field trip is because it will be educational. For example, we would be able to learn a lot about Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Especially how he lived. We would be able to see where he wrote *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* which is our book club book!

Another reason why it will be educational is because we would get to do the Hands On Tour. This means it will be like we went through a time machine. This field trip will help deepen our understanding on how it was back in the 1800's. For instance, many children worked. That is not something that is commonly known to happen nowadays. So as you can see, this field trip would be very educational because we will get to learn much more about the famous author Samuel Clemens.

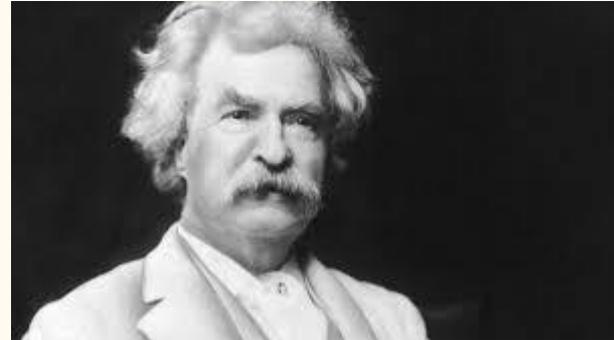
Hands on learning had been proven to give students a deeper understand of information than regular learning has. So, this will help us to really understand the information.



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History

This field trip will be beneficial to us because it will develop our understanding of history. Not only is the book that we have been reading for the past several weeks been an important part of history, but the author is a very important, historical figure, and I think that this could be a great learning experience. Mark Twain or Samuel L. Clemens was a very famous writer, and he has written very famous books like *Huckleberry Finn*, or the one that we're currently reading, *Tom Sawyer*. I do not know very much about this very famous writer who has made a big impact on American literature. So, I would love to partake in this learning experience to to find out all about it.



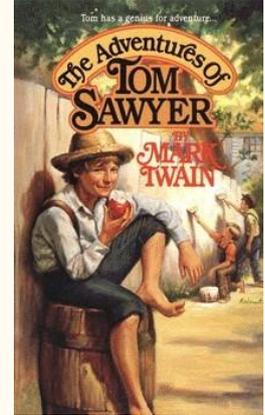
Perseverance

Another reason why we should go to the Mark Twain House is because it would be a reward for those of us that have *persevered* in this book club. The six of us (seven including Mrs. Manning!) have stuck with the book, and persevered, even if there were some parts where we got a little bored (that did happen). However, each and every one of us contributed to the discussion, and helped us create new ideas about the story and analyze this difficult, grade 8 level book (according to arreader.com). This helped us think *deeper* about the book and helped us with our in-class reading. This also helped us develop our reading skills, which you will hear more about next from Dylan. It would also show that perseverance is rewarded. Overall, perseverance was an important part of this book club and is just another one of the many reasons that we believe we deserve to be on this field trip.



Reading Skills

The last reason we should go on the Mark Twain House field trip is we are not just going for fun, we are going because we earned it by reading a thirty-three chapter book without leaving the book club. This book is also an 80, and we are only in 5th grade. This book helped us improve our reading skills and strategies. This will also help us to read more Mark Twain books in the future. This book will help us understand the text, and the history used in it. We have read every week, and worked hard to comprehend and use reading skills during the duration of the book club.



Sources

- [The Washington Post](#)
- [Welcome to the Mark Twain House & Museum - Home](#)
- [Arbookfinder.com](#)

Conclusion

Overall, visiting the Mark Twain house will be educational as well as fun. The historic site will teach us more about the background of the author who wrote many famous books including our ‘Mysterious Manning Society’ book club book: *The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer*. Another reason why seeing the Mark Twain would be amazing is because this book has taught us many important lessons. For example, from don’t propose to a twelve year old girl, to never keep something important a secret! A special field trip to the famous author, Mark Twain, who wrote the book, would be a great way to top off our book club at the end of the year. Reading *The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer* put all of us into the 1800s, giving us a new look of how people lived back then. It also gave us a new look of how many times they said, “ya’ll” back then in Missouri.

Being able to visit this famous and historical house would put us into Tom Sawyer’s shoes, and back in time to a place where adventure was alive. Having this opportunity would be so special for each member of the book club to have.