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### Mark Twain Background Information

Use the Internet or other resources to answer the following questions:

- <http://www.marktwainmuseum.org/>
- <http://www.marktwainhouse.org/>
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark\\_Twain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_Twain)
- <http://www.cmgww.com/historic/twain/>
- <http://www.readprint.com/author-83/Mark-Twain>
- <http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/railton/timeline/index.html>

1. What is Mark Twain's real name? \_\_\_\_\_
2. When and where was Mark Twain born? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Why was Mark Twain kept inside for most of the time before he was nine-years-old?  
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4. What incident occurred when he was 11 years old?  
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5. Did Mark Twain finish school? Why or why not?  
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6. What jobs did Mark Twain have as a teenager/ young man?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. List at least 3 famous books that he wrote:
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Give the titles and dates of five of his works.
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
  - d) \_\_\_\_\_
  - e) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Write one of Mark Twain's quotations.  
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10. What does Mark Twain mean? \_\_\_\_\_

11. He received an honorary degree from which educational institution?  
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12. Who were his siblings? \_\_\_\_\_  
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13. Mark Twain had several other pen names. What was one of them?  
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14. Does Mark Twain have any living relatives? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Mark Twain was not just a novelist. Provide at least three other things he is considered to be:  
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16. Mark Twain had a particular fondness for which animal?  
\_\_\_\_\_

17. He was also an inventor. List two of his inventions:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

18. A space-related event occurred during the year he was born and the year he died – what was it? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Mark Twain was married to Olivia Langdon. In what year did she die and what was her ailment?  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ailment: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Olivia and Mark had children. What were their names?  
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21. The famous characters of Tom Sawyer, Huckleberry Finn, and Becky Thatcher are based on which people?

Tom - \_\_\_\_\_  
Huck - \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky - \_\_\_\_\_

22. When and how did Mark Twain die?  
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22. Where is Mark Twain buried?  
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