

# Mark Twain -- An American Original

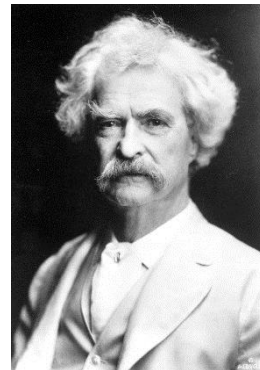
Course Outline -- ICL Spring 2017

Instructor: Doug Bowen

Classroom: UHB 121      Time: 1:00-2:30 PM      1<sup>st</sup>,3<sup>rd</sup>,5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays

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|--------|--------------|------------------------------|---|
| Jan 18 | Session 9    | The Higher Animals           | Twain considered most animals superior to man-- his animal stories are perennial favorites  |
| Feb 1  | Session 10   | Mark Twain & France          | The one country Twain loved to hate—find out what so irked the humorist about France & its people   |
| Feb 15 | Session 11   | Utah & the Mormons           | Did Twain really describe the Book of Mormon as “chloroform in print?” Did he even read the book?   |
| Mar 1  | Session 12   | Mark Twain-<br>A Tragic Life | Humorists are essentially tragic figures who sublimate their grief in laughter. Twain fits this stereotype—much of the last decade of his life was a hell on earth. |
| Mar 15 | Spring Break |                              |   |
| Mar 29 | Session 13   | Huckleberry Finn             | Considered by many the greatest American novel, yet banned by libraries from Massachusetts to Colorado  |
| Apr 5  | Session 14   | Huckleberry Finn             | (Continued) Twain’s greatest work still generates controversy, but not for the same reasons as in 1885  |

*“Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person.”*



## Recommended Reading—Books by Twain:

*The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*  
*Innocents Abroad*  
*Roughing It*  
*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*  
*Life on the Mississippi*  
*Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*  
*A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court*  
*Following the Equator*  
*The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg*  
*The Diaries of Adam and Eve*  
*What is Man?*  
*Chapters from My Autobiography*  
*Extract from Captain Stormfield’s Visit to Heaven*

## Washington County Library:

**Mark Twain: A Life** Ron Powers 818.409 Twain  
**Mr. Clemens and Mark Twain** Justin Kaplan 817.4 Kaplan  
**The Singular Mark Twain** Fred Kaplan *Biography Twain*  
**Mark Twain: Man in White** Michael Sheldon 818.409  
**The Statesman and the Storyteller** Mark Zwonitzer  
327.73 Zwonitzer  
**Autobiography of Mark Twain Vol 1-3**