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Nick, wonderful idea to contrast Pap & Jim, and you've chosen effective examples both from the story & your articles. Good. In future, (proofread and) make sure your paragraphs are structured with a clear topic sentence (that states the point of that #), then examples, commentary (that explains how your examples prove your topic sentence), and a concluding sentence that ties that # to the thesis.

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English 3 / #2

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Father and son relationship

Good luck!

Miss SL8

Father-son relationships are often complicated, the dynamics between a boy and his dad it can create everything from explosive drama to a strong bond. In Mark Twain's novel Huckleberry Finn the main character, Huck, has a complicated situation with his "pap" that is both neglectful and abusive, but as huck grows up and decides to make his own decisions he realizes what's right and wrong, and he sees that his father was not a good example. This classic struggle between staying a child and being a man is illustrated in this novel in a variety of ways, for example, Huck longs for a family and when he finally gets one he runs away because he wants his independence. Despite Huck growing up with a bad father he is still able to gain enough life experience and see the rights from wrongs in life.

Thesis ✓

↑ mention Jim's counter example in your thesis?

good transition

One of huck's biggest challenges in regards to his relationship with his pap is his father's physical abuse. For example early in the story (twain 36) after a long absence pap returns home and forces Huck to live with him. At first Huck says, "it was pretty good times up in the woods there, take it all around. But by and by pap got to handy with his hick'ry, and I couldn't stand it. I was all over welts. He got to going away so much, too, and locking me in. Once he locked me in and was gone three days. It was lonesome." Pap also drank a lot and that caused him to be very abusive. From experiences like these Huck learned how to use his skills to escape because he didn't feel like getting abused day after day. If it wasn't for the

bad influence around him he wouldn't have needed to learn how to be sneaky and lie the way he does.

~~In the book as you've read~~; these skills actually help him in the long run to get to where he got.

factual;
need commentary
as a TS

naha
a little vague

Pap was very neglectful all of Huck's life, and Huck always just wanted to find a family, but when he finally got put in a steady home he decided to run away. In the article fathers, brothers, & "the

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diseased" : The family, individualism & American society in Huck Finn ~~written by Robert Shulman~~

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quotes

"Twain in fact engages the basic tendencies of his contemporary America, the father usually

leaving, & from what the son sees, he follows the same example," basically this relates to how Pap is

always leaving and coming back when he wants something from somebody, and how Huck follows the

example that his father set for him, to basically just runaway when something is not going his way. He

seemed to leave and return quite a few times but it's all he really knows how to do until he can move on

to the next person and place.

Need TS re: contrast Pap vs. Jim

Back in those days it was pretty normal to be uneducated because it was just starting to become a big deal to make it in those times. In the movie The Adventures of Huck Finn there is a scene when Jim

sees a picture of himself for being a runaway slave and Huck knew he couldn't read it so he lied to him

and told him that it said something totally opposite of what the truth was. Pap ~~from what I know~~ was

educated in no way shape or form and ~~I think~~ that's why he was such a bad father because he didn't

really know anything outside of killing people and doing wrong. Now Jim the runaway slave was not

educated and as said he was a slave and had really no choice to be one or not but he was still a decent

person with a good personality and he knew what it meant to want your family. While on the journey in

the book Huck and Jim got really close but there were times when Huck thought about ratting him out

That's a huge point to cram into a concluding sentence

for the money and just turning him in but he immensely matured and found out what it meant to have a friend and have family in a sense being with Jim on the ride.

Need TS re: transition Pap's influence to Jim's

In the Huck Finn pap comes back to get huck because he wants the money that was left for him in the movie it was \$2,000 that was left for huck from his mom's will. Pap was a very greedy person and just used people to his highest ability to get everything and anything he wanted. If you recall huck is the exact same way because he is known for being a compulsive liar and he follows perfectly in his father's footsteps when it comes to gold digging and lying. In the article fathers, brothers, & "the diseased": The family, individualism & American society in huck finn written by Robert Shulman, there is a quote "from another point of view the contrast between pap and miss Watson is not between nature & civilization" basically this is saying that pap really had no problem with miss Watson but he was just using them the whole time, to basically watch Huck and when pap needed him he would and get him whenever he pleased. Therefore saying Huck did the same with Jim, after he found him. If you recall Huck ran into Jim on the island and from there they were together the rest of the story, but a good majority of the story huck was only using him to get up the river and to help him scheme and get food etc. After a while Huck started to realize that Jim actually had a purpose for going up the river and he (Huck) started to mature and start thinking about other people besides himself (which leads to my next paragraph)

According to

Need TS re: effect of friendship on Huck's decision-making? really?

alittle forced " get freedom and buy

In the beginning Jim was just another scheming slave but then he left to go find his wife and child. (As said in the last paragraph) huck and Jim accidentally ran in to each other and basically became best pals from there. Over the course of the story they started to get really close and Jim's personality which started to rub off on huck and believe or not that was a good thing because he was a way better influence than pap ever was. Over the course of the book Jim was always preaching at huck about how

his family was the most important thing to him and huck actually started to realize that he really cared. They found ^{themselves} their self in a couple of situations where Huck could have turned him in but then he thought to himself in the back of his mind how much Jim has gone through ^{ugh} to see his family and why ruin his chances now. If you recall in the movie the adventures of huck finn there is a scene where there are three white males on a boat and yet again huck was going to turn Jim in but he didn't and he went back to his compulsive lying and got the both of them out of a horrible situation.

good example, but then you need to end the paragraph with sentences of commentary & conclusion

Need TS

In the article The publication & reception of huckleberry finn in America written by Arthur Lawrence Vogel back it is quoted that "at the time huckleberry finn received at the time practically no attention in America" this was due to a lot of the racial tension all threw out this book. All threw out the book there is very strong use of vocabulary from pap to Miss Watson. Mark Twain thought that using such strong words it would catch the people's attention, and at first it didn't but sooner than later it caught their attention and people couldn't put the book down. America took it as a book that was just another slur towards racial America in a sense it was but it was just trying to open their eyes to a bigger picture, and believe it or not pap and Hucks relationship ^{had} ahead to do a lot with this because the father and son relationship was fading at this time in America and still is today because fathers are starting to get divorces with they're wife's more than ever now a days.

throughout

In conclusion this book has a lot to do with the father and son relationship. Throughout this paper I explained how pap affected Huck's personality and the way he looked at life. But on the long run he changed and matured a lot by going on this journey with Jim and in the end he came out a better person (but in the movie he ended up running away again which is quite funny) I hope that this paper made you open your eyes and look at the story in a whole different way.

irrelevant?

how, specifically?