# THE ADVENTURES *OF* TOM SAWYER

## *Major Themes*

1. **Racism & Slavery**
   Twain exposes the cruelty, ignorance, and dehumanization built into American society.

2. **Conscience vs. Society**
   Huck wrestles between learned prejudice and empathetic moratlity.

3. **Freedom vs. Civilization**
   River = freedom; corruption, danger, hypocrisy

4. **Friendship & Loyalty**
   Huck and Jim's bond grows into mutual trust and love.

5. **Hypocrisy & Satire**
   Twain uses humor to reveal society's flaws.