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## ANSWER ONE OF THE QUESTIONS:

- 1. After considering the character and role of Jim in Mark Twain's *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* discuss what you consider to be the main theme(s) in the novel.
- 2. In Walden, under the heading of "Where I Lived, and What I Lived For," Henry David Thoreau explains: "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." Discuss how Thoreau further explains his experiment of alternative living in this chapter and in the chapter entitled "Solitude." You should include some comments on to what extent you think his ideas are still relevant in today's society.