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Finn on Trial

Directions: In this activity, you will engage in a **mini-debate** about Finn's actions in the novel. While Finn is often cruel, violent, and irresponsible, some argue his behavior is partly shaped by poverty, addiction, and social neglect. Your task is to weigh both sides and form your own judgment.

Position Prep - Fill out the chart below with at least **two arguments for each side**:

Side A: Finn's Actions Can Be Justified	Side B: Finn's Actions Cannot Be Justified
1.	1.
2.	2.

Debate Questions - Discuss or write responses to the following:

1. Can cycles of poverty or addiction excuse violence and neglect?
2. If Finn had chosen differently, what might his life (and Huck's) have looked like?

Written Reflection: Briefly your personal stance: Do you believe Finn's actions can be justified? Use at least **two examples** from the text and **one comparison to a modern issue** (e.g., addiction, abusive households, systemic poverty).
