

Name _____

Writing Alternate Currents Answer Key

Brainstorming Choices

- Students may choose redemption, revenge, escape, tragic twist, or another unique direction.

Outline (Sample)

1. The cabin by the river.
2. Finn, in a rare moment of clarity, burns his bottle and vows to walk away.
3. Huck watches silently, torn between hope and distrust.
4. The lesson: even the most broken people can recognize the harm they've done, though change may come too late.

Sample Alternate Ending (Redemption)

In his final moments, Finn stares at the river, realizing how much of his life has been wasted. He gathers the courage to throw away his liquor and, for once, admits to Huck that he has failed as a father. Huck listens in silence, his heart torn between anger and pity. Though Finn cannot undo the past, he urges Huck never to repeat his mistakes. With the river flowing endlessly beside them, Huck understands that he must choose a different path. This ending leaves readers with a bittersweet sense that Finn, though ruined, finds a flicker of humanity at the very end.