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Clinch vs. Twain Answer Key

Comparison Chart (Sample Responses)

Aspect	<i>Adventures of Huckleberry Finn</i> (Twain)	<i>Finn</i> (Clinch)
Role in the story	Minor character, obstacle for Huck	Central character, focus of entire novel
Traits/Personality	Drunk, abusive, greedy, cruel	Complex, deeply flawed, violent, shaped by poverty and addiction
Relationship with Huck	Antagonistic father who abuses and controls him	Abusive father, but explored in depth; reveals patterns of trauma
Themes Revealed	Freedom vs. oppression; parental neglect	Cycles of violence; roots of moral corruption; generational harm

Reflection Questions (Sample)

1. Clinch expands Finn to explore the darker roots behind Huck's life and to critique social issues like addiction and abuse.
2. Twain's version shows Finn as monstrous, almost symbolic of evil; Clinch's version adds humanity by exploring his inner struggles.