*Huck Finn* Socratic Seminar Questions

Use this as a guide to your reading. You will need to answer all of these questions (with evidence from both History and English) by October 25th, the day of our Socratic Seminar.

1. Huck begins and ends the novel by resisting being "sivilized." What do you think Huck means by this? Do you think he means the same thing in the beginning of the novel as he does in the end?
2. Describe the relationship between Huck and Jim. Does their relationship truly change over time? In what way? If you believe it changes, is it a lasting change?
3. What did freedom mean to Huck? What did it mean to Jim? To what extent do their means reflect pre and post-Civil War Americans?
4. Determine the social commentary presented by Twain in *Huck Finn*. Use both historical and literary references in your response.
5. Twain examines the idea of humanity and inhumanity. How is this examination depicted in the novel?
6. Investigate how *Huck Finn* is a reaction to the Civil War and Reconstruction. Conclude the message Twain wants the reader to understand. What are his thoughts of this time period?