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Character of Huck Finn

Huck Finn is the central character and narrator of the novel. He is a poor, uneducated boy who grows up in a harsh and uncivilized environment. Because of his abusive father and difficult childhood, Huck learns to depend on himself from an early age. This makes him practical, brave, and independent. Unlike the so-called “civilized” people around him, Huck possesses natural goodness and honesty.

One of Huck’s most important qualities is his love of freedom. He dislikes strict rules, formal education, and social restrictions. Life on the raft in the river represents complete freedom for him. His decision to run away from home shows his desire to escape cruelty and control. This strong wish for independence shapes many of his actions throughout the story.

Huck is also kind-hearted and compassionate. Although society teaches him to consider Jim only as property, Huck gradually realizes that Jim is a caring human being and a true friend. His inner conflict between social rules and his own conscience becomes the moral center of the novel. When Huck decides to help Jim gain freedom—even believing it may send him to hell—he shows deep moral courage and humanity. This moment proves that Huck’s heart is purer than the values of the society around him.

Another important trait is Huck’s innocence and simplicity. Because he is young and uneducated, he often misunderstands complex situations, yet this innocence allows him to see truth more clearly than adults. Through his eyes, the hypocrisy, greed, and cruelty of society are exposed. His simple language and simple thinking make the story realistic and powerful.

Huck also shows growth and maturity during the journey. At the beginning, he follows society’s beliefs without question. By the end, he learns to trust his own conscience and to judge right and wrong for himself. This moral development turns him from a frightened boy into a thoughtful and courageous individual.

In conclusion, Huck Finn is a symbol of freedom, innocence, kindness, and moral courage. His journey on the river is not only a physical adventure but also a journey toward ethical understanding and personal independence. Through Huck’s character,

the novel presents a strong criticism of social injustice and celebrates the natural goodness of the human heart.