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Mrs. Jeanneret American Literature
Irony after the Grangerfords
Directions: Explain which element of irony (dramatic, situational, or verbal) occurs in each of the following situations.
1. Miss Watson, Jim's Owner, takes great pains to teach Huckleberry Finn to be a Christian.
2. Two slave-hunters, who avoid the raft because they believe it is carrying a family infected with smallpox, float twenty-dollar gold pieces to Huck on a piece of wood.
3. "Here was this nigger, which I has as good as helped to run away, coming right out flat-footed and saying he would steal his children – children that belonged to a man I didn't even know; a man that hadn't ever done me no harm."
4. "Colonel Grangerford was a gentleman, you see. He was a gentleman all over; and so was his family. He was well born, as the saying is, and that's worth as much in a man as it is in a horse."
5. Find your own example of one type of irony. Document the quote and explain its irony.