

Text Complexity Analysis Template

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Text and Author	"Huck Finn stirs up trouble again" by Clarence Page	Where to Access Text	http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2011-01-09/news/ct-oped-0109-page-20110109_1_young-huck-huck-finn-n-word
Quantitative			
Lexile and Grade Level	9th/10th grade English or LAL	Text Length	2 pages
Qualitative			
Meaning/Central Ideas		Text Structure/Organization	
The big idea is focusing on the removal of the n word in Mark Twain's novel in order to cover up history that may be deemed embarrassing to teach.		Op-ed piece that reads as a newspaper article. 1st person POV, personal anecdotes. No specific format in on-line version (bullets, pictures, or bold type)	
Prior Knowledge Demands		Language Features	
None necessary, but a familiarity with Huck Finn could help.		Some figurative language ("shoved significant teachable moments into a closet like embarrassing cousins"), verbal irony. Contemporary language used in a slight mocking manner.	
Potential Reader/Task Challenges			
9th grade non-fiction article - could use as a supplement with <u>Of Mice and Men</u> while explaining historical context of Crooks' character. Or any other piece of writing that deals with racial stereotypes.			
Big Takeaway			
Covering up things in history, does not allow people to learn from these mistakes. Avoidance of these issues is a disadvantage to today's students - if they avoid teaching the term and its historical context is protected/modified, how will they ever realize the significance of its usage?			

Vocabulary Analysis Template

	Words that demand less teaching time (i.e. the definition is singular and concrete)	Words that demand more teaching time (i.e. words with multiple meanings and/or that are part of a word family)
Words that can be determined in context	<p>Expand Diluting Taunt Skewers Authentic</p>	<p>Bludgeon Impunity Warped Reapportionment Denialism</p>
Words that cannot be determined in context	<p>Attuned Controversy Saturated Immortality</p>	<p>Colloquial (tier 3) Subversive Satirical (tier 3) Palatable Euphemism (tier 3)</p>