

## Assignment 1

### Guidelines

1. Analyze *one* of the quotations below. What does it mean? Is it coherent? Why did Twain say it? How does it contribute to the text as a whole? Do you find it persuasive? Why or why not?
2. Papers should be four pages (1,200) words long, and are due at the start of class on Wednesday, April 23rd. Late papers will be penalized.
3. This is not a research paper. Use of secondary sources is neither expected nor encouraged. You are free to discuss your ideas with each other and with your instructors; the paper you submit, however, should reflect your own work. Please review the handout "Paper Writing Guidelines" before beginning this assignment.

### Topics

1. "The most of King Arthur's British subjects were slaves, pure and simple, and bore that name, and wore the iron collar on their necks; and the rest were slaves in fact, but without the name; they imagined themselves men and freemen, and called themselves so."  
Mark Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee*
2. "In various quiet nooks and corners I had the beginnings of all sorts of industries under way—nuclei of future vast factories, the iron and steel missionaries of my future civilization."  
Mark Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee*
3. "Training—training is everything; training is all there is to a person. We speak of nature; it is folly; there is no such thing as nature; what we call by that misleading name is merely heredity and training."  
Mark Twain, *A Connecticut Yankee*