

## The Introductory Paragraph

**a) Use a theme extracted from your thesis (and present in the novel)**

Slavery became a profitable but controversial enterprise during the 1700s and 1800s around the world.

**b) Narrow to literature**

This controversy spread rapidly and gradually invaded the minds of the American public. While the debate over slavery raged in American political arenas, it also became a heated topic in the literary works of the 1800s.

**c) Narrow to the literary work(s) you are using**

Mark Twain expresses his views on the subject in his American classic, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

**d) Narrow to the character, motif, or idea in the novel**

Twain's character, Jim (a black slave), embodies this argument in his struggle for freedom.

**e) Narrow to your thesis statement**

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