

# Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum Hannibal, Missouri

2023 TEACHER WORKSHOP – July 10-14

## TEACHING MARK TWAIN SHORT STORIES

The Mark Twain Museum is offering a workshop for teachers and media specialists in grades four through high school to help them bring Mark Twain’s writings into the classroom. We hope that you will join us for this unique opportunity.

The weeklong workshop has several goals: To provide teachers with background on works by Twain and his life; to experience the town that served as the fictionalized setting for his best-known books; to show how Twain’s writings can be used to stimulate students’ writing; and to provide a forum for discussion and creative thinking about how to approach Twain’s writings in the classroom. We want to make Mark Twain accessible to you, the teachers, so you can make Mark Twain accessible to your students.

The Museum staff, with knowledgeable outside assistance, will conduct this exciting and inspiring course filled with content knowledge and new strategies for teaching Twain’s works, including ready-to-use lesson plans, integrated curriculum – all geared to use Mark Twain’s life and works to foster student writing.



*Mark Twain’s Boyhood Home and all the Museum properties are visited during the workshop.*

A 2021 workshop attendee wrote: “Absolutely wonderful. I walked into this wondering how I was going to be able to use Mark Twain in class and I am leaving excited and full of potential activities to use. I am also leaving with some new friends and allies in the teaching world.”

During the workshop, participants will experience a taste of Twain’s world. They will visit the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum properties and other historic sites, enjoy a guided tour through Mark Twain Cave, ride a Mississippi Riverboat, and explore Twain’s birthplace in Florida, Missouri.

We invite you to come to Hannibal. Remember—The stories started here!



*Teachers by the Tom & Huck Statue at the foot of Cardiff Hill on walking tour of Mark Twain’s Hannibal.*

Another 2021 attendee: It was amazing to be in a room discussing Mark Twain with other educators. The discussion and sharing of ideas and information was invaluable. Seeing the actual places represented and talked about in the novel will help me bring it alive for my students.”

The Mark Twain Home Foundation is sponsoring this program with support of the Missouri Humanities Council. Copies of the short stories to be read by participants will be provided in advance. A performance by Mark Twain actor Jim Waddell is included.

**2023 Teacher Workshop July 10-14.** The weekly schedule is:

Monday July 10	9:00-12:00 12:00-1:00 1:00-1:45 1:45-3:00 3:00-3:15 3:15-4:30 4:30-5:15 5:45-6:30 6:45	Register – Office opens at 9, please register by 11:30 Lunch in Museum Gallery Introductions, sharing experiences Mark Twain Introduction – Henry Sweets Break Lesson Plan Introduction – Writing with Twain – Amanda Henry Tour Museum Gallery – Henry Sweets Dinner at Cave Hollow HyVee Historic tour of Mark Twain Cave – Lover’s Leap (optional)
Tuesday July 11	8:30-10:15 10:15-11:00 11:15-12:00 12:00-1:00 1:00-3:00 3:00-4:30 4:30-6:30 6:30 7:00 - ???	Walking Tour – Riverfront, Downtown, Cardiff Hill – Henry Sweets Jim’s Journey Museum – Faye Dant Short Story Introduction – Megan McNamara, Henry Sweets Lunch at Museum – Java Jive Short Stories – Megan McNamara, Henry Sweets, Amanda Henry Tour Boyhood Home & Museum Properties – Henry Sweets Lesson Plan Ideas – Staff available Dinner – pizza and salad night at the Museum Brainstorm lesson plans – Staff
Wednesday July 12	8:30-11:00 11:00-12:00 12:00-1:00 1:00-4:00 4:00-6:00 6:30	Tour Hannibal, Cemeteries, Riverview Park – Henry Sweets “A True Story” – presentation, writing, discussion Lunch at the Museum – Salad Luncheon Lesson Plan Work – Staff Free Time Dinner on Mark Twain Riverboat Cruise
Thursday July 13	8:00-12:30 1:00-2:00 2:00-3:00 3:00-4:00 4:00-4:45 4:45-5:30 5:45-7:00 7:00-9:00	Trip to Florida MO – Mark Twain Birthplace - Lunch <i>Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn</i> Other of Mark Twain’s Works – Henry Sweets & Megan McNamara Lesson Plan Work – Staff Jim Waddell – “The Inspiration for Tom Sawyer” Free Time Dinner at Mark Twain Dinette Music Under the Stars – Optional – or Free Time
Friday July 14	9:00-10:30 10:30-10:45 10:45-12:00 12:00-1:00 1:00	Museum Treasures – Henry Sweets Break Sharing of Lesson Plans Lunch at Museum – Subway - Video segments Goodbyes

Schedule subject to change.

## FACULTY

**Amanda Henry** -- Associate Professor of English, Hannibal-LaGrange University (HLGU). She loves working with students, reading literature, and engaging with creative writing. Currently, she is working towards a Ph.D. in literature from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Although she primarily teaches college students, Amanda Henry has also worked with elementary, middle, and high school grades during her career in education.

**Henry Sweets** – Curator of Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum, Hannibal, MO – Forty-five years with the Mark Twain Museum, editor of museum publication *The Fence Painter*, many speaking engagements and programs. Director of Mark Twain Teacher Workshops and quadrennial international Clemens Conference.

**Dr. Megan McNamara** - Humanities Division at Lesley University. McNamara has a Ph.D. from the American & New England Studies program at Boston University. Her work focuses on the literary history of the Gilded Age in the United States. Her forthcoming book on American satire is from Penn State University Press for the series *Humor in America*. Her work appears in *American Literary Realism*, *The Mark Twain Annual* and the *Edith Wharton Review*. She currently teaches in the Humanities Division at Lesley University. She was honored to be named part of the inaugural cohort of Affiliated Faculty at Boston University's Center for Antiracist Research. She also collaborated with Gene Andrew Jarrett on the creation of the African American Studies module for Oxford Bibliographies Online, published by Oxford University Press.

**History Presenter** – Mark Twain Actor Jim Waddell.

## PARTICIPANT PROJECT

Each participant will read *selected Mark Twain short stories* before coming to the workshop. The stories will be provided to participants ahead of time. At the workshop, participants will prepare a grade-specific lesson plan/unit on a theme from these resources, focusing on the use of primary sources to inspire students' writing. Throughout the week, the lesson plans will be more fully developed with help of the faculty, other participants, and the use of Museum resources. These plans must be finalized within two weeks of the end of the workshop. The completed lesson plan/unit will be then made available through the Museum's web site for other classroom teachers to use.

Lesson plans formulated for the 2016 through 2019 workshops are available at the Museum web site [www.marktwainmuseum.org](http://www.marktwainmuseum.org) – Click on “Education,” then “Teachers.”

The texts will be mailed to participants by May 15.

## WORKSHOP COSTS

The fee for the workshop is \$250.00. Included in this fee are:

- All sessions as outlined from noon Monday through Friday noon
- Lunches Monday through Friday, Dinner Monday through Thursday
- Transportation from Museum for all tours and admission fees
- Refreshments at class breaks
- Wireless internet connection in the Museum
- All materials mailed to participants following receipt of registration – **stories to be read before the workshop starts!**

**Not included** in the fee:

- Transportation to the museum
- Overnight accommodations – We can make some suggestions for lodging and supply a list of all the motels and B&Bs. Contact [henry.sweets@marktwainmuseum.org](mailto:henry.sweets@marktwainmuseum.org) for details.
- Hannibal-LaGrange University has air-conditioned dormitory rooms available at a very reasonable rate of \$30/night semi private or \$40/night private. These are bare bones – you will need to bring single bed linens or sleeping bag, pillow and pillowcase and bathroom supplies (soap, shampoo, towels, etc.). Contact Ashley Newton at [ashley.newton@hlq.edu](mailto:ashley.newton@hlq.edu) or phone her at 573-629-3026 for arrangements.
- Breakfasts
- Graduate credits from Hannibal-LaGrange University

## GRADUATE CREDITS (*OPTIONAL*)

### HANNIBAL-LAGRANGE UNIVERSITY

In collaboration with Hannibal-LaGrange University, located in Hannibal, Missouri, graduate credit for the workshop is available. Hannibal-LaGrange University is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools as a four-year university. It is approved by the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to offer education programs for elementary and high school teacher certification.

Either

EDU-5393: Using Twain's Short Stories for Writing Inspiration, or

ENG 5393: Using Twain's Short Stories for Writing Inspiration

Graduate Workshop Credits—Hannibal-LaGrange University will grant 3 hours of graduate credit to teacher workshop participants through the Master of Science in Education for the cost of \$300. Contact Pam Stewart ([pamela.stewart@hlq.edu](mailto:pamela.stewart@hlq.edu) or 573-629-3110) at Hannibal-LaGrange University for clarification.

The deadline for registering for graduate credits is the first day of the workshop. Please attach or bring a check payable to Hannibal-LaGrange University or credit card (MasterCard, Discover, or Visa, with convenience fee of \$6.75) information along with a completed Hannibal-LaGrange University registration form. A registration form will be mailed to you when we learn of your interest. Registration forms will also be available at the conference registration.

## **WORKSHOP REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES**

Let us know as soon as possible that you are interested in attending and a spot will be held for you. To register and reserve a place, the \$250 fee is required. This fee must be submitted with your registration unless by purchase order from your school district. Contact us with any other circumstances. This may be paid by check made out to "Mark Twain Home Foundation" or by MasterCard or Visa charge.

Due to the Missouri Humanities Council support, space available to non-Missouri teachers is limited. Preference will be given to first time participants, then to those only attending once previously. Spaces are available on a first-come basis until 24 spaces are filled.

A minimum of 18 participants by June 7 is needed to hold the workshop.

### **Workshop July 10-14, 2023**

Contact: Henry Sweets  
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Hannibal MO 63401  
573-221-9010 extension 405  
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**Registration Form on Next Page**

**TEACHERS WORKSHOP ON TEACHING MARK TWAIN  
SUMMER 2023 – July 10-14**

**RESERVATION FORM – Return as soon as possible to reserve your place.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend the Workshop Week July 10-14, 2023.

Due to the nature of sponsorships, space available to non-Missouri teachers is limited.

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

you want used \_\_\_\_\_

for books \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Most of our e-mail correspondence will ensue during the summer months. We recommend that you provide us an e-mail address other than your school account unless that is the one you use exclusively.

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s) you teach \_\_\_\_\_

Mark Twain's works you currently use \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ I want to earn 3 Graduate Credits – please send information on registering.

**Payment Method: DUE WITH REGISTRATION – Workshop Fee \$250.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ VISA or MasterCard – Charge my account the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_ Security code 3 digits \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My school district is paying, and I have submitted a purchase order to my school.

Return form to: Henry Sweets  
Mark Twain Museum  
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Hannibal MO 63401

**Questions? -** Contact Henry Sweets at [henry.sweets@marktwainmuseum.org](mailto:henry.sweets@marktwainmuseum.org)  
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