

Structure of HF – Opening Paragraph

- Twain creates “voice” of Huck (stage puppet)
- Limited point of view
- Regular language used for narration – controversial! (“not appropriate for children” – original complaint)
- Made American speech something to be proud of
- 1st time American speech used for serious narration
- “Liberated” American literature – cut it loose from proper grammar and elegant lofty speech.
- We don’t hear Twain’s voice
- Ernest Hemingway called the novel “the beginning of American literature”