AMERICAN LITERATURE PERMISSION FORM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are just beginning a unit including the book *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, and would like your permission to discuss the controversies surrounding the book with the students. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* is a required text for all students in the State of California. However, the texts we will use to further the students' understanding of the issues raised in the novel are not. They have been carefully selected to allow students the opportunity to explore the controversy surrounding the novel and come to their own conclusions. Students will be discussing and researching concepts like book banning, censorship, the use of profanity and/or racial slurs in literature, oppression, and racism. The book, as well as other texts we will use during this unit, explicitly address all of these issues often employing the same language to discuss it. Although the texts we will use contain some disturbing language, I believe these texts are particularly important in promoting your child's critical thinking skills and their study of this piece of literature.

Of course, you always retain the right to not have your student read these texts or you may choose to preview the texts being used and discuss them with your child prior the class discussion. If you would like to remove your child from the classroom while these texts are being discussed, simply sign that statement on this permission form. Your student will then be given a different assignment and reading. No points will be deducted for not participating in the discussion; students will receive equal points for the written assignments they will be completing in lieu of the texts.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I may be reached at (???)???-???? from the hours of ?? to ??.

Sincerely,

I give my child, _____, permission to view these films.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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