**Mark Twain Chronology**

**1835** Samuel Langhorne Clemens born on November 30, 1835 at Florida, Missouri.  
   
**1839** Family moves to Hannibal, Missouri.  
   
**1847** Father John Marshall Clemens dies March 24, 1847.  
   
**1848** Becomes a printer's apprentice.  
   
**1850**  Begins working for brother, Orion, who purchased the *Western Union* newspaper  
   
**1852**  Publishes a number of sketches including, *The Dandy Frightening the Squatter*.  
   
**1853   Moves to** St. Louis, New York and Philadelphia.   
   
**1854**  Visits Washington, D.C. in February, 1854.   
   
**1857**  Becomes a cub-pilot for Horace Bixby and learns the Mississippi River  
   
**1858  Youngest brother** Henry dies from injuries sustained in a steamboat accident.  
   
**1859**  Samuel Langhorne Clemens becomes a fully licensed riverboat pilot.  
   
**1861**  Civil War closes the Mississippi to riverboat travel.   
 After a brief stint as a soldier, he travels to Carson City, Nevada with brother Orion.   
  
**1862**  Explores Nevada and California.   
   
**1865**  *Jim Smiley and His Jumping Frog* was published  
   
**1866**  Travels to Hawaii as a newspaper correspondent. After returning to California, he  
 writes travel letters, and lectures on his experiences.  
   
**1867**  Travels to Europe and the Holy Land, sending travel letters along the way.   
 Journey also provides material for *The Innocents Abroad*.  
   
**1869**   Engaged to Olivia Langdon of Elmira, New York on February 4, 1869. Mark Twain’s

first book*, The Innocents Abroad*, is published.

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**1870**  Marries Olivia “Livy” Louise Langdon February 2, 1870.   
 Son Langdon, born November 7, 1870

**1872**  Daughter Olivia Susan “Susy” Clemens born March 19, 1972.   
 Son Langdon dies June 2, 1872.  
   
**1873**  *The Gilded Age* published.

**1874**  Daughter Clara Langdon Clemens born June 8, 1874

**1876**  "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" published.  
   
**1878**  Travels throughout Europe with family

**1880**  Daughter Jane Lampton “Jean” Clemens born July 26, 1880.   
 *A Tramp Abroad* published.

**1882**  *The Prince and the Pauper* published.

**1883**  *Life on the Mississippi* published.  
   
**1885**  *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* published.   
   
**1889**  *Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court* published.  
   
**1890**  Mother Jane Lampton Clemens dies October 27, 1890.   
   
**1891**  Travels throughout Europe with his family.  
   
**1892**  *Extracts from Adam's Diary* published.  
   
**1894**  *Pudd'nhead Wilson* published.  
   
**1895**  Files for bankruptcy. Daughter Susy dies of meningitis August 18, 1895.  
   
**1896**  *Personal Recollections of Joan of Arc* published.  
   
**1897**  *Following the Equator* published.  
   
**1900**  *The Man That Corrupted Hadleyburg and Other Stories* published.

**Mark Twain Chronology (page 3)**   
**1901**  Receives honorary doctorate from Yale University.  
   
**1902**  Receives honorary doctorate from University of Missouri.   
   
**1903**  Sails for Florence, Italy with Olivia.   
   
**1904**  Wife Olivia dies in Florence on June 5, 1904 — Mark Twain returns to New York.  
   
**1905**  *Extracts from Eve's Diary* published.  
   
**1906**  *What is Man* published.  
   
**1907**  Receives honorary degree from Oxford University in England.  
   
**1909** Daughter Clara, marries Ossip Gabrilowitsch at Stormfield, Connecticut on October 6, 1909.   
 Daughter Jean dies on December 24, 1909.

**1910**  Mark Twain dies on April 21, 1910, and buried in his wife’s family’s plot at Woodlawn   
 Cemetery, in Elmira, New York.  
   
**1962**  *Letters from Earth* published.

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