

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.
- 1870** Marries Olivia "Livy" Louise Langdon February 2, 1870.
Son Langdon, born November 7, 1870
- 1872** Daughter Olivia Susan "Susy" Clemens born March 19, 1872.
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

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- 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.
- 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 - he 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.