Samuel Clemens

Missouri Years
- Grew up in Hannibal Missouri - inspiration for the books about Tom Sawyer & Huckleberry Finn

Life on the Mississippi
- Worked as a Riverboat pilot until the Civil War interrupted Mississippi River traffic

California Years
- During the Civil War, he went west to try prospecting
- He got a job as a newspaper reporter and began writing.
- He met Bret Harte who helped him - "Bret Harte trimmed and trained and schooled me patiently."
- He wrote: The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County

Holy Land Tour
- The newspaper sent him to report on a tour to the Holy Land.
- From this experience, he wrote: Innocents Abroad or the New Pilgrim’s Progress
- He also met Olivia Langdon and her Christian family on this tour

Marriage to Livy Langdon
- After the tour, he traveled to New York to court Livy Langdon
- They got married and her dad set Sam up in a business in Buffalo, NY and he bought them a house

The Hartford Years
- Nook Farm Neighborhood - Neighbors of Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Livy & Sam had three daughters - Susy, Clara, and Jean (a son Langdon had died as a baby)
- They built a home with 3 floors and 19 rooms. It cost $30,000 a month to run (average salary was $500 a year)
- Sam coined the term "The Gilded Age" for the pretentious way people lived in the 1880's
- For 20 summers, the Clemens family lived at the country home - Quarry Farm - owned by Livy's sister
  - Livy's sister built Sam an octagonal-shaped study away from the house - Very productive years for him
  - He'd write all day and then read what he had written to the family in the evenings!
    - Life on the Mississippi
    - The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
    - The Prince and the Pauper
    - The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
- They were an extremely happy family! Put on plays, read books out-loud, entertained guests often!
- Sam tried making more money
  - Invested in new inventions - especially an automatic typesetting machine
  - Created his own publishing company and initially made a fortune publishing the Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant
- Lost all his money - debts over $200,000

Europe
- Closed up the beautiful Hartford House and went to Europe where they could live more cheaply
- Spent about a decade in Europe
- He wrote: Tom Sawyer Abroad and Pudd'nhead Wilson
- After declaring bankruptcy, Sam made a public promise to pay back all his debts

World Lecture Tour
- To pay his debts, Sam scheduled a one-year lecture around the world
- Livy and middle daughter Klara accompanied him
- Traveled across America and then on to Hawaii, Australia, India, South Africa, England ("Beginning in Cleveland, Ohio July 1895 and Closing in London May 1896")
- Daughter Susy died while they were gone - last leg of journey in England

Back to America - Arrived October 16, 1900 to a hero's welcome!
- Lived in New York City instead of Hartford
- Then Livy died and they all fell apart, especially Sam
- Wrote: The Mysterious Stranger out of his bitterness - about a cruel God who could make everyone happy, but prefers to punish everyone
- In his grief & hopelessness, Sam became more "Mark Twain" and less "Samuel Clemens"
- He wore only white suits and red socks, and he hob-knobbed with the rich and famous with ATTITUDE
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