For Further Reading – Huckleberry Finn

Recommendations by Dr. Flora Armetta

Douglass, Frederick. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, American Slave. 1845. New

York: Simon & Brown, 2013. Print.

This masterly work, written during roughly the same period in which Twain set *Huckleberry Finn*, offers an eloquent first-person account of Douglass's experiences as a slave, and is recommended as an excellent complementary reading (especially for older students) to Twain's characterization of Jim. Teachers may wish to consider how students might profit from various compare/contrast exercises between the two works, such as analysis of the similarities and differences between fictional and non-fiction approaches to the institution of slavery.

Hearn, Michael Patrick, Ed. The Annotated Huckleberry Finn. By Mark Twain, Ill. Edward

Winsor Kemble. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., 2001. Print.

An excellent accompaniment to any serious study of the novel, this huge volume may be easily skimmed for useful information on a given question.