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Dear Mrs. Amy Hill:

This letter is regarding the recent Pop-Quiz entitled "Huckleberry Finn Quiz Chpts 1-10" in which I scored a 10% on. This letter is not an appeal, per se, but is intended to be more of a statement of what went wrong during the quiz and how I plan to remedy it in the future.

First off, I would like to take an opportunity to state honestly that I have been reading *Huckleberry Finn* on the published schedule. At the date and time of the test I had have read through Chapter X (10) of the novel. Unfortunately, as focused as I tried to be for the first "act" of the novel, some of the major details didn't register in my brain as well as the timeline of events in the novel was garbled.

Since the timeline was garbled internally, my responses were from earlier parts in the novel for questions two and three. Unfortunately, in question one (which I answered after the two other questions), my mind went blank and I had to make up a response then to leave a blank answer. The timeline garble and lack of details processed by my brain reading "Act One" of *Huckleberry Finn* were the reasons for my failure of this quiz.

After failing the quiz, I decided I needed to change my reading habits and work on my reading skills in order to comprehend the novel. I ascended Black Mountain on September 9th 2008 to reread the scenes in the novel I had problems comprehending and placing on a timeline. This encounter I had with the serenity of nature overlooking San Diego allowed me to really focus on the novel, without distractions of city life, such as iPods, Cell Phones, Internet, etc. I truly felt like Huck Finn when I was sitting down on dirty Black Mountain with nothing but birds chirping and the wind blowing (although there was no river). The Black Mountain experience was successful, as I understood what was happening in the novel and when it was happening, and I hope to repeat it again during this weekend to read more of the novel.

Sincerely,

Eric Harmatz