Mark Twain’s

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur’s Court

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As one of America’s first and foremost realists and humorists, Mark Twain, the pen name of Samuel Langhorne Clemens, usually wrote about his own personal experiences and things he knew about from firsthand experience. Two of his best-known novels typify this trait: in his *Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, Twain immortalized the sleepy little town of Hannibal, Missouri (the fictional St. Petersburg), as well as the steamboats which passed through it daily; likewise, in *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (both written before *A Connecticut Yankee*), the various characters are based on types which Twain encountered both in his hometown and while working as a riverboat pilot on the Mississippi River; and even though *A Connecticut Yankee* is not based on personal experience (it is set in sixth-century England), Twain uses many of the same techniques that he used in his *Prince and the Pauper*. In that novel, for example, two young boys gradually lose their innocence; in *A Connecticut Yankee*, Hank Morgan wakes up in a land of innocence—Camelot.

Mark Twain’s father was a lawyer by profession, but he was never quite successful, and so he dabbled in land speculation, hoping to become wealthy someday. He was, however, a highly intelligent man who was a stern disciplinarian. Twain’s mother, a southern belle in her youth, had a natural sense of humor, and was known to be particularly fond of animals and unfortunate human beings. Although his family was not wealthy, Twain apparently had a happy childhood. Twain’s father died when Twain was 12 years old and, for the next ten years, Twain was an apprentice printer, both in Hannibal and in New York City. Hoping to find a trade for five hundred dollars. After completing his training, Twain was a
In the court of the legendary King Arthur, Morgan uses his modern knowledge to face the trials and tribulations of the middle ages. Source: Twain, M. (1890). A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. New York, NY: Charles L. Webster and Co. Preface and Introduction. The preface is a disclaimer signed by the author. In the introduction/explanation, the stranger tells the narrator his story of being a yankee in Connecticut. Chapter 1: Camelot. The Yankee and Clarence come upon a town of poorly-dressed peasants and a huge procession. They follow the procession to the castle. The Yankee assum A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court is an 1889 novel by American humorist and writer Mark Twain. The book was originally titled A Yankee in King Arthur's Court. Some early editions are titled A Yankee at the Court of King Arthur. In the book, a Yankee engineer from Connecticut named Hank Morgan receives a severe blow to the head and is somehow transported in time and space to Britain during the reign of King Arthur. After some initial confusion and his capture by one of Arthur's knights, Hank Essays for Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court: Arthurian Legend, Armour, Slavery and Catholicism. Marxist Criticism of A Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court. Lesson Plan for Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court.