Topic: During his lifetime, laird and poet William Drummond of Hawthornden (1585-1649) compiled one of the largest libraries in Scotland. Among his collection are books published not only in Scottish and English but also in Latin, Greek, Hebrew, French, Italian, and Spanish. Drummond, a humanist thinker (one who adopts a philosophical and ethical stance that emphasizes the value and agency of human beings, individually and collectively, and prefers critical thinking and evidence over unthinking acceptance of religious dogma or superstition), asserted, "He who will not reason is a bigot; he who cannot is a fool; and he who dares not is a slave." Carefully examine the validity of this assertion. To be thoroughly prepared for discussion, you need to draw copious evidence from Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn as well as the other nine texts we have studied in this unit as you construct intertextual connections and analyze the authors' uses of rhetorical elements to support their purposes.

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