



African Americans weren't looked at as human beings. In the article "Educators Stand behind Unaltered Huck Finn", by Kathy Millen, Jackie McGrath said "If students can't practice talking about race in a classroom that is dedicated to exploring complex cultural ideas and conflicts, is it any wonder they struggle to talk about race and its complexities in their own lives?" This shows that students won't learn how and why this word came to be and why it's not favored. The only way for them to know is to be taught in school, where the environment is equal. People should not look at the novel as a negative thing, but to think of it as how life had been and how African Americans have made a significant difference in history. It shows people how America has learned from their mistakes and evolved drastically. For example, there are many African American celebrities, athletes, authors, etc. today that have impacted the world for the better and made a big impact on many people.

The novel also shows meaning to words and actions used back in the days. As students are reading "Huck Finn", they'll notice the amount of racial comments used back and forth. To some it may make them feel degraded by what they are reading, however they should look past the language and focus on the real meaning. Though many think Twain's writing is perceived as racist, it's actually the complete opposite. Reading the novel Twain is trying to explain that hiding every bad thing that happened in the world would leave nothing for students to learn. Learning about history is the only way to overcome it and not repeat the same mistakes again. From the novel when Jim was feeling remorse for beating his daughter, it showed Huck that the two of them were not so different after all. It gave Jim more respect from Huck. As Huck said "He was a mighty good nigger, Jim was (Twain 157)." Even though Huck had used the n-word, he wasn't looking down on Jim, he was actually seeing them as equals. He realized that Jim was actually a great man with compassion and loyalty. This shows that the n-word was just a very