**Fence Painting in other Contexts**

*The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*

In this activity, you will compare and contrast the fence-painting scene in The Adventures of Tom Sawyer with other stories that have manipulative characters. You’re going to look at stories from other cultures and time periods to see how the fence-painting trope has repeated itself throughout history.

**Task #1: Fill out the graphic organizer.**

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| **Character** | **What was the task the character didn’t want to do?** | **How did the character trick the others?** | **What was the characters ultimate goal?** |
| **Tom Sawyer** |  |  |  |
| **The Man Who Shouted “Teresa”** |  |  |  |
| **The Scorpion and The Frog** |  |  |  |

**Task #2: Answer the question in complete sentences.**

1. Which character do you think was most similar to Tom Sawyer? Which was most different? Why?
2. What reactions did the other characters have when they learned they were duped?
3. What do these stories tell us about human nature and how we're easily manipulated?

**Task #3:** An Allusion is figure of speech that makes a reference to a place, person, or something that happened. Search for a print advertisement where the company uses the "fence-painting" technique to sell a product. Allusions engage the reader and will often help the reader remember the message or theme. If the advertiser tries to make the consumer feel like the consumers *need* the product and that the company is making the product as a favor to the consumer—well, that's a fence-painter! **Write a paragraph describing the advertisement and describe what the advertisement is alluding to!**

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