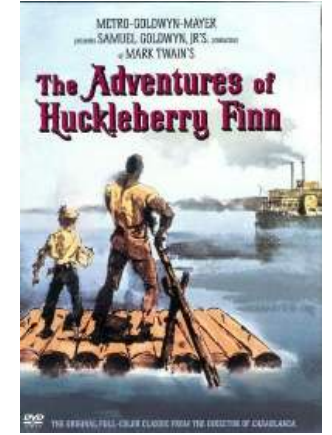
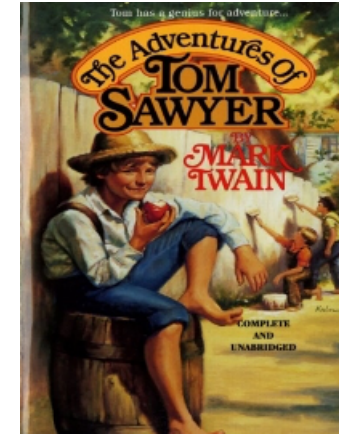


**Unit 1: Laugh Out Loud**

**developing ideas: The Importance of Humor**

# 1. A brief introduction to Mark Twain (real name: Samuel Clemens)

Mark Twain (1835–1910) was an American writer, humorist, lecturer and adventurer, who acquired international fame for his travel narratives, in particular *The Innocents Abroad*, and for his adventure stories of boyhood, such as *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*. He is regarded as one of North America's best and most beloved writers due to his wit and satire.



1. humorist
2. lecturer
3. adventurer
4. acquire (v. 获得)
5. narrative (n. 描写 记叙)
6. adventure stories of boyhood (孩童时期)
7. beloved (adj. 深爱的)
8. due to his wit and satire (讽刺)  
(机智 智力)

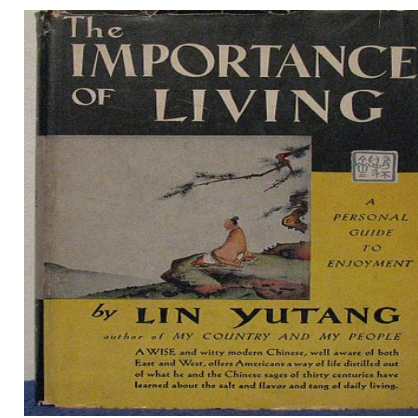
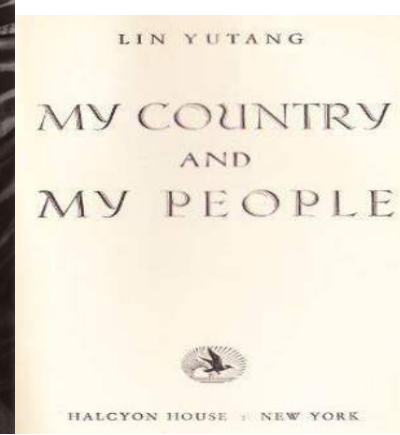
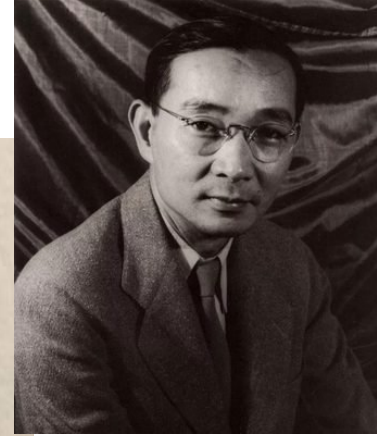


## 2. A brief introduction to Lin Yutang

Lin Yutang (1895–1976) was a Chinese writer, translator, linguist, philosopher and inventor.

His informal but sophisticated style of writing, in both Chinese and English, made him one of the most influential writers of his generation.

His most famous works include *My Country and My People* and *The Importance of Living*. He's also known as a wise and witty populariser of Chinese philosophy and the Chinese way of life.



1. translator
  2. linguist (语言学家)
  3. philosopher
  4. inventor
  5. sophisticated (adj. 老练的 复杂的)
  6. influential
  7. wit – witty (机智的 诙谐的)
  8. popularizer (普及者 推广人)
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# The Importance of Humor

Read about Mark Twain and Lin Yutang and ...

1. How humorous was **Mark Twain**?

2. How humorous was **Lin Yutang**?

(How did Lin **tell off the president** while making people laugh?)

3. What's the **importance / function** of humor?

# 1. How humorous was **Mark Twain**?

1) Mark's writing style is funny and often **mischievous**.

-- As for writing, all you have to do is **cross out the wrong words**.

(He combined humor with serious message.)

2) Mark is equally known for his witting remarks.

-- For instance, ...

That's just my luck. I always have to stand when that fellow lectures.

2. How did Lin Yutang **tell off the president** while making people laugh?

### 3. What's the **importance** of humor?

- 1) Humor is an **essential** part of human behavior.
- 2) Humor can **entertain** human beings.
- 3) It can also **throw light on** **sensitive** or **emotive** issues.
- 4) Humor is also a **way** of life and a tool used to **esilliminate** the world.
- 5) Humor, as well as **reality** and **dream**, is an essential part of **wisdom**.
- 6) Humor can make it **easier** to live and work with others.
- 7) Sharing jokes and laughing can bring individuals **essential**.
- 8) Humor is mankind's greatest **blessing**.

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(vocabulary)**



## Underline the following expressions in the introduction (P10)

1. 有幽默感的人
2. 演讲家
3. 冒险家
4. 获得 得到
5. 名声 名气
6. 叙述 记叙 (n.)
7. 尤其
8. 孩童时期
9. 冒险故事
10. 被钟爱、深爱的
11. 因为
12. 机智 智力 (n)
13. 讽刺
14. 翻译家
15. 语言家
16. 哲学家
17. 发明家
18. 不正式的
19. 老练在行的 复杂的
20. 写作风格
21. 有影响力的
22. 机智的 诙谐的
23. 普及人 推广人
24. 生活方式

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|---------------|--------------------|
| 1. 有幽默感的人     | humorist           |
| 2. 演讲家        | lecturer           |
| 3. 冒险家        | adventurer         |
| 4. 获得 得到      | acquire            |
| 5. 名声 名气      | fame               |
| 6. 叙述 记叙 (n.) | narrative          |
| 7. 尤其         | in particular      |
| 8. 孩童时期       | boyhood            |
| 9. 冒险故事       | an adventure story |
| 10. 被钟爱、深爱的   | beloved            |
| 11. 因为        | due to ...         |
| 12. 机智 智力 (n) | wit                |
| 13. 讽刺 (n.)   | satire             |

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| 14. 翻译家       | translator    |
| 15. 语言家       | linguist      |
| 16. 哲学家       | philosopher   |
| 17. 发明家       | inventor      |
| 18. 不正式的      | informal      |
| 19. 老练在行的 复杂的 | sophisticated |
| 20. 写作风格      | writing style |
| 21. 有影响力的     | influential   |
| 22. 机智的 诙谐的   | witty         |
| 23. 普及人 推广人   | popularizer   |
| 24. 生活方式      | way of life   |

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