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Mark Twain

Mark Twain is known for his use of common dialects in his writing. Choosing to write how people actually spoke—using improper grammar, local vernacular, and slang—offered his work an air of authenticity and revolutionized how American authors wrote. Respond to the following questions in 6-8 sentences.

Why do you think writing how people actually spoke was so revolutionary in the late 1800s? What impact does the use of common dialects have on a piece of writing?

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