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Dialectical Journal: "The Lowest Animal" by Mark Twain

Thesis & Reading Focus: *According to Mark Twain's satirical essay, "The Lowest Animal" why is man the lowest animal? What is the purpose and main idea of this essay? Why is his use of satire effective to communicating his main idea?*

AUTHOR'S PURPOSE/ MAIN IDEA "Direct quote"
Mark Twain states that, _____

_____.

Student response
From this statement, it is evident that _____

_____.

AUTHOR'S TONE
"_____

_____ " conveys a
SATIRICAL TONE.

Student response
This explains _____

_____.

REALIST FEATURES: Heavy Details
Mark Twain explains how _____
_____ by stating,
"_____

_____."

Student response
This detail helps readers understand _____

_____.

EXAMPLES OF SATIRE/ IRONY:
According to Twain "_____

_____."

Student response
This is an example of satire because _____

_____.

"Direct quote"
"_____

_____."

Student response
Made readers realize _____

_____.

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