

History 498  
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### **Response #1**

Unlike many readers in the late nineteenth century, most readers of *Pudd'nhead Wilson* today can see that Twain is ridiculing the notion of White Supremacy (the premise that the white race is, by "blood," superior to other races, and, in particular the black race).

Cite at least **three specific examples** you find in the text where Twain seems to be ridiculing White Supremacy (or that "white blood" somehow makes someone a superior person).

Then, tell your reader how you know Twain is doing this. Is it by creating a humorous situation? by showing the false logic on which White Supremacy is based? through the dialogue between or among his characters?