**Analysis – The WHY** about the passage. Now that you understand what is happening, this is the part where you **explain** WHY it is happening. Ask yourself questions such as the following: What does this mean? What is the author telling us? What can we learn about people from this?

**Directions**: Use your responses to the chapter 18 questions to help you with the following. Write a paragraph in the space below with at least 6 sentences (and no more than 9) that answers the question below.

1. Begin with a **topic sentence** that introduces the main idea of the paragraph by *answering the question*. This whole first paragraph is about people in a church mourning over the loss of some people who have died.

2. You will **quote and cite** at least two portions of the passage and **explain** how each one supports your argument. “The minister related many a touching incident in the lives of the departed, too.” That quote proves that the church is about the departed boys and the author telling us that people miss them. “As the service proceeded, the clergyman drew such pictures of the graces, the winning pictures, and the rare promise of the lost lads.” This quote proves that people should remember good things about people when they die other than bad things.

3. End with a **concluding sentence** that clarifies how the ideas and details support the topic sentence. The paragraph shows how many people care for departed people and how many lessons you can learn from someone dying.

4. After drafting your paragraph, revise, proofread, and edit carefully.

**Question: What is Mark Twain saying about human nature in this scene?**

**Mark Twain is saying that people who have died doing mischievous things will be remembered as a good person and he is saying that you want to remember the good things about a person and not the bad things. The minister relates many people who cared a great deal to the departed boys: “The minister related many a touching incident in the lives of the departed, too” (165- 166). The clergyman and people remembered great memories of the departed boys: “As the service proceeded, the clergyman drew such pictures of the graces, the winning pictures, and the rare promise of the lost lads” (165- 166). many people care for departed people and how many lessons you can learn from someone dying.**