Framing the Jumping Frog Story

Student Name _______________________________________________________ Date _____________________

Instructions: Use the worksheet to diagram the structure of Mark Twain’s story. Beginning with the narrator, fill in the names of the participants in the story and the addressee of the letter. Draw lines to indicate how information about these events passes from one set of characters to the next. Draw a box around the characters involved in the “envelope or frame narrative” and around those involved in the main story. Finally, use the line space to write out details about the characters – where they live, what their personality is like, what their background is, and how they connect to the others.

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Hint: Connect the names by filling in the following sentence:

The narrator writes to ________________ in order to describe meeting ____________________________, who told him an outrageous story about ____________.