

## Walden (p. 214)

**EQ:** How does Thoreau plan to make his life simpler that he can focus more on the lesson of nature (like a good Transcendentalist)?

**Background:** Ralph Waldo Emerson was Henry David Thoreau's teacher. While Emerson lectured about the importance of learning valuable lessons from nature, Thoreau actually lived the experience on Walden Pond. Thoreau felt that in order to listen to nature, one needed to simplify his or her life in order to live well and pursue dreams.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the excerpt from Walden (p. 114). Find a quote that explains Thoreau's attitude about each of the topics. Write the quote exactly as it appears in the text. If the sentence is very lengthy, you can include just the part that directly applies to the topic, but add ellipsis (...) where appropriate.

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