

**DIRECTIONS: READ THE SIX PAGES FROM THOREAU'S WALDEN (288-294).  
READ AND ANNOTATE CAREFULLY. THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING 12  
QUESTIONS. (40 min)**

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1. Which is NOT one of the reasons Thoreau enjoyed the Hollowell farm? ("The real attractions of the Hollowell farm...")
  - A. He was far away from other people
  - B. The broken down state increased his connection to the property
  - C. There were signs of improved neighbors
  - D. The prospect of improving the farm like the previous owner inspired him.
  - E. All of the above.
2. On page 289, what is Thoreau's advice, "Whether you are committed to a farm or the county jail"?

**ANTITHESIS** is a figure of speech in which an opposition or contrast of ideas is expressed by parallelism of words that are the opposites of, or strongly contrasted with, each other, such as "hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins." Or "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country."

4. Identify Thoreau's use of **antithesis** in the last paragraph on p. 298. (i.e. *transcribe* the line)

5. P291: "Olympus is but the outside to the earth everywhere" refers back to the metaphorical line

- A. "...this auroral character..."
- B. "...airy and unplastered cabin..."
- C. "...a traveling god and where a goddess might trail her garments..."
- D. "...poem of creation is uninterrupted..."

6. Which is NOT a reason Thoreau "went to the woods"

- A. to front the essential facts of life
- B. to practice resignation
- C. to live deliberately
- D. to suck the marrow out of life
- E. to reduce life to its lowest terms

**Anaphora** is defined as the repetition of words or phrases for rhetorical effect.

7. *Transcribe* Thoreau's use of **anaphora** in the top right column on p. 291:

**Juxtaposition** is the contrasting of two elements placed in close proximity.

8. Top of 292: "Time is but the stream..." what two natural features are **juxtaposed**?

- a. pebbles in a river and stars in the sky
- b. sandy bottom and sliding current
- c. the first letter of the alphabet and the day Thoreau was born
- d. the intellect and the "secret" of things

9. Paragraph beginning: "I left the woods..." The line "my feet wore a path from my door to the pondside" is a metaphor that supports the claim

- A. "I left the woods for as good reason as I went there"
- B. "I had several more lives to live"
- C. "we fall into a particular route"
- D. "it is still quite distinct"

10. p 292: "I learned this by my experiment..." Which does Thoreau suggest as a consequence of one "advancing confidently in the direction of his dreams" and living "the life which he has imagined..." ?

- I. new and more liberal laws will begin to establish themselves around him
- II. he will work in common hours
- III. life will seem less complicated

- A. I
- B. II
- C. III
- D. I and II only
- E. I and III only

11. Which is the best title to the paragraph that begins "Why should we be in such desperate haste..."

- A. "Everyone grows and learns differently"
- B. "Spring always turns into summer"
- C. "An apple tree matures the same as the oak"
- D. "Music food for the soul."

12. Thoreau often draws contrast between the supposed happiness of

- A. rich and poor
- B. men and women
- C. liberal and conservative
- D. gods and mortals

**EXTRA CREDIT:**

To get across his point, Thoreau often uses **metaphors**. Collect ONE extra credit point for every 4 metaphors you transcribe from the passage:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.