**Quotations from Henry David Thoreau’s *Walden* (Generated by English II 2B/3B)**  
  
“Things don’t change; we change.”   
  
“The morning wind forever blows, the poem of creation is uninterrupted; but few are the ears that hear it.”  
  
“The chief end of men is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.” (God = NATURE)   
  
“Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity! I say, let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand.”  
  
“I have always been regretting that I was not as wise as the day I was born.”  
  
“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”  
  
“Haste makes waste, no less in life than in housekeeping. Keep the time, observe the hours of the universe, not of the cars. “

“A man is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.”

'Why should we be in such desperate haste to succeed and in such desperate enterprises? If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.”  
  
“However mean your life is, meet it and live it; do not shun it and call it hard names. It is not so bad as you are. It looks poorest when you are richest. The fault-finder will find faults even in paradise. Love your life, poor as it is. You may perhaps have some pleasant, thrilling, glorious hours, even in a poorhouse..”  
  
“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them.”  
  
“This spending of the best part of one's life earning money in order to enjoy a questionable liberty during the least valuable part of it reminds me of the Englishman who went to India to make a fortune first, in order that he might return to England and live the life of a poet.”  
  
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I learned this, at least, by my experiment: that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours  
  
“Be a Columbus to whole new continents and worlds within you, opening new channels, not of trade, but of thought. Every man is the lord of a realm beside which the earthly empire of the Czar is but a petty state.”  
  
“I left the woods for as good a reason as I went there. Perhaps it seemed to me that I had several more lives to live, and could not spare any more time for that one. It is remarkable how easily and insensibly we fall into a particular route, and make a beaten track for ourselves.”  
  
“Only that day dawns to which we are awake.” “The universe is wider than our views of it.”