





HENRY DAVID
THOREAU'S
WALDEN



"Rather than love, than money, than
fame, give me truth" (Thoreau).




Naturalist. Social Reformer. Transcendentalist. Thinker of big thoughts.



Henry David Thoreau was born over 200 years ago in Concord, Massachusetts. That's 44 years before the start of the Civil War in 1861.



He lived on Walden Pond from 1845 to 1847.



The land on which Thoreau built his cabin was owned by his friend Ralph Waldo Emerson, a writer and thinker of that time.

TRANSCENDENTALISM

"A 19th-century school of American theological and philosophical thought that combined **respect for nature** and **self-sufficiency** with elements of Unitarianism and German Romanticism. Writer Ralph Waldo Emerson was the primary practitioner of the movement, which existed loosely in Massachusetts in the early 1800s before becoming an organized group in the 1830s."

<https://www.history.com/topics/19th-century/transcendentalism>

CONTROVERSY

- Yet another white guy.
- Too fussy.
- Didn't give a shout out to his mom.



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Replying to @zoewhittall


Not just sandwiches. She did his goddamn LAUNDRY. His grownass man laundry. So he could sit in her woods, eating her sandwiches, and not have to do a single fucking chore with his dainty writer's hands. (I've got a lot of feelings about this. They're all anger.)





WHY READ HIM THEN?

- Keen observer of his natural surroundings.
- First environmentalist.
- Proponent of civil disobedience.
- Abolitionist.
- Pretty good writer.



Henry David died of tuberculosis in May 1862 at the age of 44. He had reportedly been counting the rings of a tree when he caught the cold that would lead to his death.



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