

Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) and his Relevance for Us Today (Resource List)

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General Subjects	Juxtapositions
Nature & the environment	Agriculture v. Industry; Pond v. Railroad
Human rights / civil rights / individuality	Self v. Society
The role of the government in our lives	Concord's Two Revolutions, 1775 v. 1836
Traveling & exploring other places	Home v. Away

PRINT RESOURCES

Thoreau's books

A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers (1849)

Walden; or, Life in the Woods (1854)

Excursions (1863) [a collection of 9 essays]

The Maine Woods (1864)

Cape Cod (1865)

A Yankee in Canada, with Antislavery and Reform Papers (1866) [incl. 10 essays]

Journal [published mostly in its entirety in the 20-volume set of HDT writings, 1906]

Collected Poems [ed. by Carl Bode, 1964]

Faith in a Seed [collection of 4 essays, ed. by Bradley P. Dean, 1993]

Wild Fruits: Thoreau's Rediscovered Last Manuscript [ed. by Bradley P. Dean, 2000]

Main Biographies

Harding, Walter. *The Days of Henry Thoreau*. New York: Knopf, 1965.

Richardson, Robert D. *Henry Thoreau: A Life of the Mind*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1986.

Chura, Patrick. *Thoreau the Land Surveyor*. Gainesville, Fla.: University Press of Florida, 2010.

Sims, Michael. *The Adventures of Henry Thoreau: A Young Man's Unlikely Path to Walden Pond*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2014.

Key References

The Journal of Henry D. Thoreau. 2 vols. New York: Dover, 1962. [text of 1906 ed.]

The Quotable Thoreau. Ed. by Jeffrey S. Cramer. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2011.

Botanical Index to the Journal of Henry David Thoreau. Comp. by Ray Angelo. Salt Lake City: Peregrine Smith Books, 1984. [Also available online for free.]

Thoreau on Birds. Ed. by Helen G. Cruickshank. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1964.

Updated paperback edition: Boston, Beacon Press, 1993.

The Correspondence of Henry David Thoreau. Comp. by Walter Harding & Carl Bode.

New York: New York University Press, 1958. Updated by 3-volume set: *The*

Correspondence of Henry D. Thoreau. Comp. by Robert N. Hudspeth. Princeton:

Princeton University Press, 2013. (Only the first volume has been published so far.)

ONLINE RESOURCES

The Thoreau Institute at Walden Woods (www.walden.org/library)

An archive that provides the most comprehensive body of Thoreau-related material available in one place. The web site includes digital editions of all of Thoreau's writings, including his journal. You can bring curator Jeffrey S. Cramer into your classroom via Skype at <https://education.skype.com/projects/4036-the-walden-woods-project-lets-talk-thoreau>.

The Walden Woods Project (www.walden.org)

Organization based in Lincoln, Mass., that preserves the land, literature and legacy of the quintessential American author, philosopher, and naturalist, Henry David Thoreau, to foster an ethic of environmental stewardship and social responsibility. Check under the top tab "Education" and the sub-heading "Curriculum Units" for a variety of lesson plans.

World Wide Waldens: Putting Thoreau's Words into Actions (www.worldwidewaldens.org)

Empowers young people from around the world to become environmental stewards and find their "Waldens" -- the places in nature that inspire them and need their care and protection. Grew out of the teacher institutes held each summer by The Walden Woods Project of Lincoln, Mass.

Thoreau Farm: Birthplace of Henry David Thoreau (www.thoreaufarm.org)

The house Thoreau was born in, located at 341 Virginia Road, Concord, Mass. Open for weekend tours, May through October.

The Thoreau Society (www.thoreausociety.org)

Founded in 1941. A group that exists to stimulate interest in and foster education about Thoreau's life, works, legacy and his place in his world and in ours, challenging all to live a deliberate, considered life. Has an Annual Gathering in Concord, Mass., each July.

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area: In Thoreau's Footsteps

(<http://www.freedomsway.org/projects/thoreau.html>)

An historic region that covers 45 towns in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Thoreau set foot in at least 39 of them. Events surrounding him and his haunts are held regularly.

The Thoreau Reader (<http://thoreau.eserver.org>)

Offers the text of Thoreau's writings as well as additional resources not found elsewhere.

Ray Angelo's Botanical Index to the Journal of Henry David Thoreau

(www.ray-a.com/ThoreauBotIdx)

The text of the book by the same name. You can search entries by common or scientific name.

The Commencement speech Thoreau *could* have given, if he'd only been asked.

(<http://thoreaufarm.org/2013/05/beginnings-thoreau-at-commencement>)

***Walden* Quote Cards**

(www.thoreausjourneywest.com/teacher.htm/waldenquotecards.doc)

A group or individual activity, for use anywhere. This is a Word document that can be customized.

A web version of this two-page handout, complete with live links, can be found at:

www.thoreausjourneywest.com/relevance.pdf

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