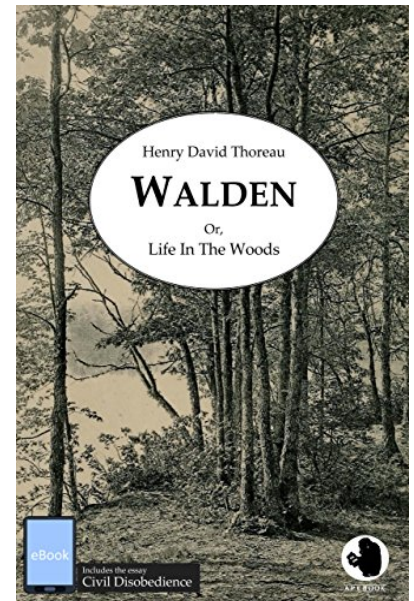


# Walden Book Summary (PDF) by Henry David Thoreau

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## Why This Book Matters:

Walden tells the story of Henry David Thoreau's escape from the modern-day world by moving to the middle of the woods, where he could slow the pace of life.

## The Big Takeaways:

1. **Henry David Thoreau felt that he could not get the wisdom he wished for in the world he lived.**
  1. If In 1845, Thoreau traveled to Massachusetts to escape the commodities an updated world gave him.
2. **Thoreau saw moving as his retreat to a quiet life.**
  1. Thoreau's community was torn by his decision, some seeing it as a journey while others saw it as Thoreau's way of withdrawing from the world around him.
3. **Thoreau pointed out the impracticalities of modern-day housing.**

1. Homes and their upkeep seemed too out-of-touch for Thoreau, for some cost outrageous amounts of money and upkeep had turned into convenience.
4. **Walden in Massachusetts gave Thoreau an escape.**
  1. Thoreau was able to slow down the pace of his life and observe nature.
5. **Walden taught Thoreau lessons that only it could teach.**
  1. Thoreau realized after several years at Walden that every part of life he experiences would hold many lessons for him to learn.

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