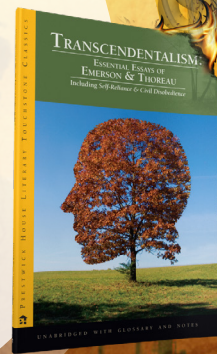


“What is the use of a house



Henry David Thoreau

was born on July 12, 1817, in Concord, Massachusetts. From 1833 to 1837, he attended Harvard College, and upon graduation, worked as a teacher before becoming a writer. Thanks to Ralph Waldo Emerson, his mentor and friend, Thoreau grew interested in Transcendentalism, a philosophical movement that celebrated individuality, self-reliance, and nature. Thoreau explored these beliefs in his renowned essay collection, *Walden*. Considered an American classic, *Walden* recounts Thoreau's experience living alone in the New England woods. A staunch abolitionist, Thoreau called for resistance against injustice and unfair government in his 1849 essay, "Civil Disobedience." Thoreau died in 1862, leaving behind a vast collection of Transcendentalist writings that are celebrated to this day.



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