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Walden by Henry David Thoreau

Short Answer Key

1. Thoreau was motivated by a desire to simplify his life, connect with nature, and explore the transcendentalist philosophy.
2. Thoreau promotes simplicity by encouraging individuals to free themselves from excessive material possessions and focus on essential aspects of life.
3. Nature and solitude are central to Thoreau's philosophy as he finds solace and inspiration in the natural world.
4. Civil disobedience, as presented by Thoreau, is the moral duty of individuals to resist unjust laws and government actions through nonviolent means.
5. "Walden" is considered a transcendentalist work because it embraces the transcendentalist belief in the inherent goodness of both people and nature and explores the interconnectedness of all living things.

