

The Walden Woods Project's Thoreau Institute Presents  
***Live Deliberately* Essay Contest**

Submission deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Consider Thoreau's belief that living a simpler life will make our life richer in many ways. He even suggests that our complex, complicated lives cause us to feel alone, poor and weak -- and that solitude, poverty and weakness would no longer exist in a simplified life.

Explore the meaning of this Thoreau quotation about simplicity and how they resonate in your own life then write. Then, write a personal reflection. Essays should be no longer than 500 words.

*In proportion as he simplifies his life, the laws of the universe will appear less complex, and solitude will not be solitude, nor poverty poverty, nor weakness weakness.*

Henry David Thoreau, "Conclusion", Walden

For contest guidelines and to submit essays online:

- Visit [www.worldwidewaldens.org](http://www.worldwidewaldens.org)
- Click on the *Live Deliberately* Essay Contest
- Age categories: 13 – 15 and 16 – 18 and 19 – 21

Winning essays along with photos of the students will be featured on the World Wide Waldens website. Contest winners will also receive a copy of *Walden* and a certificate from the Walden Woods Project acknowledging their achievement.

The Live Deliberately Essay Contest is part of a new environmental education program called *World Wide Waldens: Putting Thoreau's Words into Action*. *World Wide Waldens* inspires students around the world to consider their environmental ethic and discover the "Waldens" in their own communities: the places that need *their* care and protection.

For more information about the essay contest or *World Wide Waldens*, contact [education@walden.org](mailto:education@walden.org).

