

# WORLD WIDE WALDENS

Putting Thoreau's Words into Action



## About World Wide Waldens

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.



## Many Ways to Participate

- 👉 **Explore Your Environmental Ethic:** Fun, hands-on, thought-provoking activities and Thoreau readings students and teachers can use in the classroom or afterschool to reflect on our connection to the natural world and the choices we face. Download a handbook with everything you need.
- 👉 **Where's Your Walden? Showcase:** Tell us about a "Walden" in your community or place in nature that inspires you. Or, tell us about an environmental action project you're involved in. We'll share your story on the *World Wide Waldens* website.
- 👉 **Live Deliberately Essay Challenge:** Put your pen (or keyboard!) into action and write about your "deliberate" life and what it looks and feels like. Visit the *World Wide Waldens* website to find this year's Thoreau quotation prompt, essay deadline, and guidelines.
- 👉 **Student Meet Ups & Symposium Events:** Join other students by the shores of Walden Pond for special events where you learn about Thoreau and share how you are "putting Thoreau's words into action" in your community.
- 👉 **School-Based Workshop Programs:** Let us come to you to facilitate a special workshop or series of activities for students or teachers.
- 👉 **Skype in the Classroom:** Use Skype to connect with our Walden Woods Project/Thoreau Institute library curator for the best "class" on Thoreau you could ask for. Or, let us connect your class or group with students elsewhere in the world so you can exchange thoughts on environmental challenges and responses.
- 👉 **Approaching Walden:** Especially for high school teachers, this much-loved week long summer professional development seminar lets you experience Thoreau and Walden and prepare powerful learning experiences for your students back home.



## Other Great Resources for Students & Schools

Visit the World Wide Waldens and Walden Woods Project websites for more great resources and opportunities.

- 👉 **Meet Henry:** Detailed background information on Thoreau and his impact on society
- 👉 **The Walden Story:** An online presentation that introduces students to story of Walden Pond including Thoreau's experiment and the successful effort to save Walden Woods in the 1990s.
- 👉 **People Who Walk the Walk:** Read short question and answer sessions with well-known environmental activists like Ed Begley, Jr.; Majora Carter, Bill McKibben and others.
- 👉 **Explore Walden Woods:** Guided visits for student groups.
- 👉 **Walden Woods Project/Thoreau Institute Library:** 60,000 items and growing, the most comprehensive collection of Thoreau resources – and a curator to guide you to what you need.

