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## LESSON 16 AMERICAN LITERATURE STUDENT NOTES

### **THOREAU: .**

1. His writings and philosophies have been very influential on \_\_\_\_\_ thought.
2. Because Christians may find elements of his thought and writing to be attractive, we need to measure everything up to the \_\_\_\_\_
3. In the end, Thoreau's assumptions and recommendations fall short of the \_\_\_\_\_  
Thoreau's famous line is at the conclusion of Walden. "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

**THOREAU'S BIO:** Thoreau was a \_\_\_\_\_.

He never \_\_\_\_\_, he did not pay his \_\_\_\_\_ regularly, and he never bought property or worked at a regular job. He was a naturalist, philosopher and artist and an avid proponent of \_\_\_\_\_ ideas. He created two movements:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ through passive resistance
2. Idealization of the \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle.

For 2 years, Thoreau lived "\_\_\_\_\_".

This was his experiment of \_\_\_\_\_.

He built his cabin for just over \$28...fed himself on about 27 cents a week.

Thoreau wrote his first book and started "\_\_\_\_\_ " during the 2 years he stayed on the land.

Following this, Thoreau moved back in with \_\_\_\_\_ and house sat while Emerson was overseas.

After that, Thoreau lived with his parents until his death from TB at age \_\_\_\_\_.

After Walden pond...Thoreau became more \_\_\_\_\_. He was jailed for refusing to pay taxes and tried to stay in jail to protest the Mexican war which he thought was intended to extend the slave states.

From these small rebellions came his work "\_\_\_\_\_ " which expresses the notion that \_\_\_\_\_ is above the law and that each individual has the right, in fact, the duty to violate any law he regards as \_\_\_\_\_.

He also participated in the Underground Railroad helping smuggle \_\_\_\_\_ into Canada.

As the Civil War started, he became very ill and had to stop all his activism.

Thoreau felt that the best type of government was \_\_\_\_\_ at all.

He was called a "philosophical \_\_\_\_\_".

But he based this thought on his own assumption that man, was by nature, "\_\_\_\_\_."