Walden- Discussion Questions

1. Thoreau lived on the pond by himself, but was he alone?
2. Main Ideas:
   1. Why did Thoreau go to Walden?
   2. How did he want to live his life?
   3. What did Thoreau find in nature?
3. “I did not wish to live what was not life.” How is this possible?
4. What are the details and main ideas of life?
5. “A stitch in time saves nine.” What does this cliché mean? What does the line in the text with this cliché mean?
6. In what ways do people have the Saint Vitus dance?
7. What does Thoreau say about people in paragraphs 1 and 2 on page 205?
8. What is Thoreau’s argument against mail and news? Explain: If you are acquainted with the principle, what do you care for myriad instances and applications?
9. Explain Thoreau’s use of metaphor in the last paragraph on page 205.
10. What connection to nature does Thoreau describe at the beginning of “Brute Neighbors”?
11. Why did Thoreau leave Walden?
12. What does Thoreau say about human nature through the ant metaphor?
13. Apply Thoreau’s ideas to today’s society.