Walden Test

1. To avoid having life “frittered away by detail,” Thoreau advises us to
   1. Socialize less
   2. Celebrate daily joys
   3. Lead simpler lives
   4. Follow our conscience
2. Which of the following would Thoreau consider most worth doing?
   1. Solving an abstract problem
   2. Sitting still in a forest setting
   3. Staying current with the news
   4. Working to save money
3. Thoreau went to live at Walden Pond because he felt the need to
   1. Find the true meaning of life
   2. Explore his spiritual feelings
   3. Escape the demands of society
   4. Prove that his principles were more than just talk
4. Something done deliberately is done
   1. Carefully
   2. Excessively
   3. Unexpectedly
5. A word that means nearly the same as myriad is
   1. Initial
   2. Complex
   3. Countless
6. If you have the rudiments of a meal, you have the
   1. Leftovers of one
   2. Beginnings of one
   3. Memory of one
7. A sublime experience often inspires
   1. Awe
   2. Distaste
   3. Revolt
8. List three of the main metaphors in this selection and explain the comparison.

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1. QUOTE: FILL IN THE BLANKS

I went to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to live \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, to front only the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ facts of life, and see if I could learn what it had to teach and not, when I came to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, discover that I had not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. ESSAY: Based on your understanding of Thoreau’s principles, write an essay explaining what Thoreau would likely think about today’s society. Consider our technology and lifestyle in comparison to the lifestyle and communication methods of the past.