English 3

Mr. Scholtz

“Walden” Questions

Please write complete responses to the questions listed below. Your responses should be at least one paragraph. Each paragraph must contain **5 sentences minimum**. This assignment will be graded on the amount of thought and effort you display in your answers.

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|  | 1. One of Thoreau’s desires was to simplify his life. Explain how you would simplify your own life, giving consideration to Thoreau’s meaning of clutter. Is simplification just a matter of renouncing possessions, or is it something more? |
|  | 2. Discuss the changes in American society and culture brought on by the Industrial Revolution, and how those changes may have sent Thoreau running for the woods to commune with nature. |
|  | 3. To suck out the marrow of life is a quote from Thoreau. Explain what is meant by this advice for living advocated by Thoreau. |
|  | 4. Discuss the symbolism in Thoreau’s decision to retreat to Walden Pond on July 4th, 1845. |
|  | 5. Analyze one of the six quotes displayed in Walden and debate it’s meaning. What does the quote reveal about Thoreau, and could the quote be applicable to modern life? |