

WALDEN

- BOOK GROUP RESOURCE -

A Conversari House Conversation

Some possible discussion questions to help start your conversation:

1. What is the significance of Walden's name?
2. How is the relationship between father and son carried through the novel?
3. Was the library sequence merely a dream? What clues could support this interpretation?
4. Compare and contrast nature and institutions in *WALDEN*.
5. What role do birds play in the book?
6. What Platonic themes can be found in *WALDEN*?
7. Discuss Brook's relationship with Walden and her role in the book.
8. What is the role of music, specifically rock 'n roll, in *WALDEN*?
9. How does Walden's own history get in the way of "his story"? How is history woven into the novel to either mirror or contrast with Walden's life?
10. Discuss the merits and/or limitations of an individual's ability to seek enlightenment autodidactically, that is, without the benefit of a teacher or formal education.

BONUS TRACK:

Listen to Walden's iPod at www.fiql.com/playlists/waldens_ipod —
then discuss how these tracks relate to *WALDEN*.

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