

The Walden Woods Project's Thoreau Institute Presents  
***Live Deliberately* Essay Contest**

**Submission deadline: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

The essay contest asks students to respond to Thoreau's famous call to *live deliberately*:

*I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.*

Henry David Thoreau

In 500 words or fewer, students are prompted to consider what their own deliberate lives look and feel like.

**For contest guidelines and to submit essays online:**

- **Visit [www.worldwidewaldens.org](http://www.worldwidewaldens.org)**
- **Click on the *Live Deliberately* Essay Challenge**
- **Essays will be judged in two age categories: 13 – 16 and 17 – 21**

Winning essays along with photos of the students will be featured on the *World Wide Waldens* website. Contest winners will also receive a copy of *Walden* and a certificate from the Walden Woods Project acknowledging their achievement.

The Live Deliberately Essay Contest is part of a new environmental education program called *World Wide Waldens: Putting Thoreau's Words into Action*. *World Wide Waldens* inspires students around the world to consider their environmental ethic and discover the "Waldens" in their own communities: the places that need *their* care and protection.

For more information about the essay contest or *World Wide Waldens*, contact [education@walden.org](mailto:education@walden.org).

