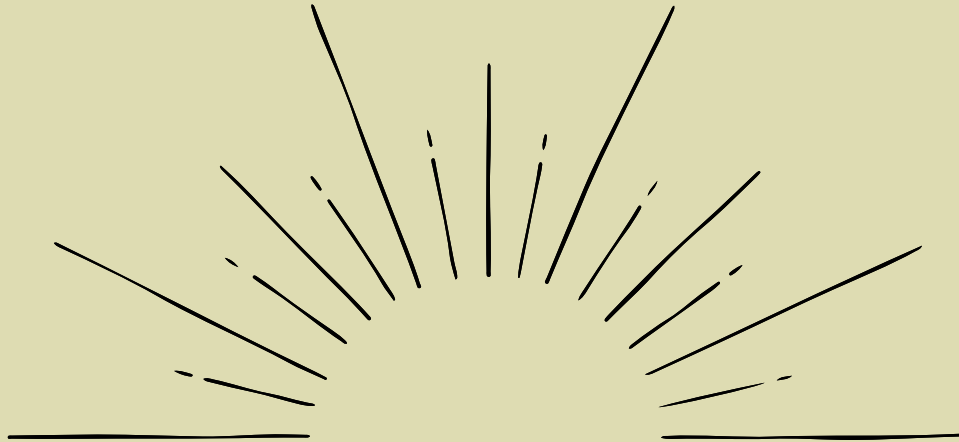


THE WALDEN WOODS PROJECT 2023-2024

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ESSAY CONTEST



Open to youth around the globe, ages 14-18*

“We, too, are out, obeying the same law with all nature. Not less important are the observers of the birds than the birds themselves.”

– March 20, 1858, Journal, vol. X, Henry David Thoreau

Think about the role we play in nature in order to become more responsible stewards of Earth. We are often asked to consider how humans contribute to climate change, yet Thoreau's quotation encourages us to see ourselves as part and parcel of the natural world, rather than removed from it. In 750 words or fewer, reflect on an experience that caused you to think differently about your relationship to nature, nature's influence on you, and/or your influence on nature.

Read the Contest Guidelines and submit essays at

www.walden.org/education/essay-contest/

Deadline is February 19, 2024