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**Commentary on Literature**

Walden: Life in the Woods is a renowned book which manifests the attributes of nature and associates it with life. It is a book written by Henry David Thoreau who is a well-known transcendentalist. I found this book and the story intriguing as it resembled my nature in true letter and spirits. It opened many gateways for my thoughts and gave me a new direction to ponder upon. The book narrates the experiences of Thoreau who lived in a cabin for more than two years. His story highlights the worth and significance of self-actualization. I find the story intriguing and closer to my heart as it discusses the stages of self-acceptance. The experiences of a person are shared who is far away from the materialistic culture and values of the world. Essentially, humans witnessed evolution from nature and will ultimately return to it. The story offers an explicit account of the significance of modesty and nature is manifested as the ultimate resort destined for human beings.

To begin, it is essential to underpin the critical association of humans and nature. If I ever get a chance to start a new life, I would prefer living alone in nature. Nature is apparent in each venture of human life and thus is the perfect companion. None can deny or shun the essence of nature in this world. In this story, the author highlights the vital role of self-reliance. A man is totally sufficient for his own self and this is the lesson taught by nature as all of us have to face the grave challenges of the world by ourselves. Thoreau narrates the story in an optimistic tone and states that living in nature as a fruitful act. According to Thoreau, self-acceptance can either be social or economic. The progress of the world lies at the very heart of this concept. It is worthy to highlight the critical aspect of modesty deliberated in the story. For instance, the author beautifully states the beauty of simplicity in every phase of life and does relate simplicity to the economically beneficial it could be for us. The lines I liked the most from this story are **“—I will breathe freely and stretch myself in this respect, it is such a relief to both the moral and physical system; and I am resolved that I will not through humility become the devil’s attorney”**(*Walden, by Henry David Thoreau*). These lines give a profound insight into the importance of human existence and thus I adore them the most. The supremacy of more human himself as a being rather than the attractions of the materialistic world.

To conclude, the author explains how independence is important for the identity of any human. Humans born free and they are subjected to live free but materialism and industrialism have affected the entities and natural existence of humans. The nature of human beings is of utmost essence and it differentiated them from the other entities of the world. This is the primary element that gives privilege to human and respects him in all dimensions of his identity. Since humans are derived from the other nature, it offers them comfort and pleasure. The most beautiful lesson that the story has taught is being one's own self in this age of materialism where nothing is pure. To sum up, nature plays an instrumental role and is the only source which fuels the human spirits potentially.

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