

NATURE WRITING ASSIGNMENT

DIRECTIONS:

Spend an hour (ha, ha) communing with nature. Listen, watch, feel, etc. List observations.

Write a one-page (typed and double-spaced) paper in the tradition of Walden. Include both observations and philosophical insights. Use lots of good imagery. In addition, attempt to use other "Thoreauism," such as similes, metaphors, aphorism, paradoxes, and unusual syntax.

Happy transcendentaling!

Note: If you are not happy with the nature thing, you could base your writing on an experience in another place, such as the mall, a restaurant, a sporting event, etc.—but you must be true to Thoreau!