First, read the short article titled *Thoreau, a Hippie in History* by Delbert L. Earisman. Then, respond to the following questions in complete sentences.

(1) What attitude toward society do Thoreau and the hippies share, according to Earisman?

(2) What are some examples of “good behavior” that Thoreau and the hippies may consider bad in our present society?

(3) Why didn’t Thoreau want people to be like him?

(4) What ideas come to mind when you picture hippies? Thoreau’s *Walden*? Compare and contrast the images and decide which you can relate to more.

(5) What type of person was Thoreau?

(6) Why did Thoreau spend one night in jail? Do you think that you would spend a night in jail in order to fight for a cause? Why or why not?

(7) Assume that your beliefs differ greatly from Thoreau’s in that you do not find the value of life in nature (which he’d be alright with, since he doesn’t want others following in his exact footsteps). What, then, do you find a deeper meaning in, in life? What aspects of your life tend to teach you valuable lessons about the meaning of life? How do they teach you these lessons? What beauty can be observed in these aspects? What danger?