

What is digital Walden?

Digital Walden is a prototype in interactive online reading. In this site, users can get together to swap comments on different sections of the text, offer insight on different kinds of word usage, and just generally be able to interact with their favorite texts with other literature enthusiasts.



Even though the idea of a “digital” Thoreau might seem a little ironic, the use of Walden’s work as a digital text stands as an example of how a text can evolve over time, surviving by adapting to the world it exists in. Even though Thoreau preached an avoidance of technology, here we get to show what happens when you embrace it, and prove that the acceptance of technology does not in fact take away from critical reading or creative thought