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**Accelerated English 10**

Transcendentalism

“Civil Disobedience”

**Directions**: As you read “Civil Disobedience,” answer the following questions using support from the text.

1. What is your first reaction to Thoreau’s views on civil disobedience?
2. What are the circumstances under which Thoreau advocates breaking the law?
3. How convincing do you find Thoreau’s argument? Think about his comment that a man must live according to his nature, his views on majority rule, and what you know about persuasive writing.
4. What might some find threatening about Thoreau’s ideas?
5. How would you compare Thoreau’s views on good citizenship with your own? Explain.