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The best way to live a meaningful life will fulfillment is through appreciating nature. Nature plays a critical role in individuals' life because it gives life and a sense of belonging. However, individuals have destroyed this understanding through modernization, destroying their self-reliance and living independently by exploring what nature gives. Isolation provides one to discover the best resources that nature offers to live a good life. Also, through reading, individuals can expand knowledge hence living simple life against progress. This paper will reflect on David Thoreau's story to elaborate on the concepts of self-reliance, nature, and solitude and society.

Thoreau has provided the concept of self-reliance in the story by explaining how individuals need to rely on internal resources to give life meaning and fulfillment. Self-reliance plays a vital role in individuals' life by giving them a purpose in life. Thoreau argues that he traveled to the woods far from the village and desired to live deliberately and realize the essential facts of life (Thoreau 74). This was essential for the author to learn what e needed to get taught; however, when he came to die, Thoreau realized that he had not lived. Therefore, individuals need to have coherence in their life because self-reliance will enable them to live a good life (Woodward-Burns 39). I realized that self-reliance provides individuals with a chance to think independently. Individuals can suppose autonomously by following and trusting their instincts, the same way Thoreau followed his instincts and went to the woods, built his house, and stayed

there. Ever since I was young, I have learned not to follow the simple imitation that will lower my confidence. Thus, when I believe in something and regard it as holding merit after considering it, nothing will keep me from attaining it. Self-reliance also supports individuality. Thoreau considered purchasing the land from the nearby farmers but believed that living in the countryside is the best (Thoreau 75). I also focus on what I want and what defines me. For instance, my parents wanted me to focus on being a doctor, but I was passionate about becoming a poet, concentrating on changing individuals' lives through poetry.

Conservation of the environment is considered as preserving nature. Nature provides significant experience to individuals, and thus they need to explore it and realize the religious exercise and the sounds of birds and frogs. Morning is always an invitation to make a person's life collective and straightforward with nature (Thoreau 76). As Thoreau's stated, each morning, he bathes in the pond and refers to it as a religious exercise which I have also considered a miracle morning in my life. However, my bathing is not in the pond because we live in a civilized society, and hence everybody uses bathrooms. I always consider nature to provide a spiritual guide, and thus, one can experience the benefits of what nature gives by bathing with cold water in the morning. Moreover, Thoreau explains that morning is the best for every vital activity; for instance, art and poetry occur, and intelligence wakes. Society is destroying nature's best experiences, and this will make many people not learn what nature has provided because we cannot experience what nature offers. For example, Thoreau explains that view in the pond which is sometimes misty in the morning and in other times it is still and clear as if there was rain and the idea of the mountains spreading out behind it (Thoreau 76). Also, Thoreau explained the vision of nature through three perceptions, with the first as a naturalist stating distinction between species and the changes in their habitats on seasons. The second way is as a historian

indicating how humans have changed the landscape through farming and the difference in town and wild nature.

The majority of individuals live in society, and they interact together. However, their civilization has distracted the nature concept of solitude, and thus most individuals do not want to balance community and solitude. There is a need to balance between society and solitude because solitude is impractical; nonetheless, it inspires society to stay in moderation because individuals need to be taken in minimal doses (Woodward-Burns 34). moreover, it is critical to realize that when an individual views few people and creates time for isolation, they will sound mind. Therefore, it is probable for a person to perform several social roles and at the same time maintaining a unique self in isolation. For example, Thoreau wondered where his house would be located and decided to talk with the neighboring farmers by imagining purchasing their houses. However, Thoreau changed his mind and believed it was vital for him to leave things alone. His pleasure is considered not on the actual acquisition of material goods but in contemplating what life could look like (Thoreau 74). This makes him find a place outside of society. Also, Thoreau is making fun of the absurdity of individuals that wakes from a nap and watch the news before they even become awake to life. I also wake and watch the news on television or go to social media sometimes before considering starting my day. I believe Thoreau has provided essential knowledge that individuals need to consider; apart from waking up and focused on the rumors presented in social media or newspapers, it is vital to check what nature offers.

In summation, after reflecting on David Thoreau's essays on concepts of self-reliance, nature and solitude, and society, it is evident that self-reliance provides individuals with the ability to think independently and embrace their individuality. Therefore, individuals need to be

confident and trust their instincts to give their life meaning and fulfillment. Nature offers individuals a chance to explore and learn new things that nature provides. Thoreau reminds individuals that nature is around them and available to encourage them to be better than they are. Finally, is solitude and society, where Thoreau argues that individuals need to have a balance between community and solitude. To have a sound mind, individuals need to moderate society and solitude by working on certain social roles and maintaining a unique self.

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