

Henry David Thoreau Resident Author

Students in the seventh grade are reading *A Way of Her Own* by Anne G. Faigen in class. It is the story of Rachel, a young girl who desires to become an artist. Henry David Thoreau and Margaret Fuller help her achieve her dream during a time when art was not an option for most females. Students are learning about Thoreau's philosophy and ideas as well as his time spent at Walden Pond. Students are practicing their writing skills by answering short answer questions completely and will be completing a number of essays concerning the theme of the novel.

Grade eight students are continuing reading *Walden* as they reflect and discuss each chapter and relate it to their own lives. They are delving into Thoreau's philosophy of how to live one's life deliberately through his work and journal entries.

Mrs. Donna Przybojewski is excited to announce that she is in the final stages of her sixth book on Henry David Thoreau. It will be published in early spring of 2019 and is entitled *Henry David Thoreau: Bell Ringer for Justice*. Most people are aware of Thoreau as a nature writer who lived at Walden Pond for two years. They know him as an American author. Few realize, however, Thoreau as a social justice activist. He wrote essays and gave numerous lectures on the evils of slavery and injustice. He and his family were active abolitionists. This book is to make young people aware what Thoreau did to bring about equality to every human.