



Henry David
Thoreau



The Personal Narrative Assignment 12

- *poem*. Complete memorizing John Donne’s sonnet, “Death Be Not Proud.”
- *reading*. Complete Lesson 12 in your study guide and the corresponding reading of Henry David Thoreau and Richard Jefferies. The passage written by Henry David Thoreau is taken from one of the finest works written in the 19th century, *Walden*. As a naturalist-essayist, Thoreau demonstrates a lively imagination in his description of two armies of ants fighting and his keen poetic insight enables him to see resemblances between the animal kingdom and man. Richard Jefferies’ essay “A Wet Night in London” is a composition that takes us right back to the late 1800’s in his wonderful narrative descriptive essay in which the author gives an account of his attempt to get home on a cold, wet night in London. Students should notice Jefferies’ use of dialog, descriptive language, onomatopoeia, personification and other figures of speech that help support his description of London.
- *journal entry*. Write a journal entry detailed in Composition 1 at the end of Lesson 12.

Long-Term Assignment

- *biography*. You will be writing a 3- to 10-page biography of someone that you know—a relative, neighbor or friend. The only criterion is that the person must be over the age of fifty. You will tell me your choice this coming Friday. You will then arrange an interview with person and prepare for the interview by framing questions to get your interviewee to discuss his life. The biography will be due in April. Here are **sample interviews and biographies** written by past students that you can use as examples.