

A Comparison of Collections of Henry David Thoreau's Essays

Table One

title of essay	lecture?	Early publication	Excursions (1863)	Yankee / Reform (1866)
number of essays			9	9
Anacreon		<i>The Dial</i> , April 1843		
Aulus Persius Flaccus		<i>The Dial</i> , July 1840		
Autumnal Tints	yes	<i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , October 1862	x	
Chastity & Sensuality				
Civil Disobedience [Resistance to Civil Government]	yes (with varying titles)	<i>Aesthetic Papers</i> , 1849		x
Dark Ages		<i>The Dial</i> , April 1843		
Died ... Miss Anna Jones		<i>Yeoman's Gazette</i> , 1837		
Friendship		As part of the "Wednesday" chapter in <i>A Week</i> , 1849		
Herald of Freedom		<i>The Dial</i> , April 1844		x
Homer. Ossian. Chaucer		<i>The Dial</i> , January 1844		
Huckleberries				
The Landlord		<i>The United States Magazine and Democratic Review</i> , October 1843	x	
The Last Days of John Brown	yes (submitted, delivered by someone else)			x
Life Without Principle	yes, as "What Shall It Profit?"	<i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , October 1863		x
Love				
The Martyrdom of John Brown [After the Death of John Brown]	yes	<i>Echoes of Harpers Ferry</i> , 1860		

Natural History of Massachusetts		<i>The Dial</i> , July 1842	x	
Night and Moonlight	yes	<i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , November 1863	x	
Paradise (to be) Regained		<i>The United States Magazine and Democratic Review</i> , November 1843		x
A Plea for Captain John Brown	yes	<i>Echoes of Harpers Ferry</i> , 1860		x
Reform and the Reformers	yes			
The Service		The Merrymount Press, 1902		
Sir Walter Raleigh	yes	The Bibliophile Society, 1905		
Slavery in Massachusetts	yes			x
[An Address on] The Succession of Forest Trees	yes		x	
Thomas Carlyle and His Works	yes			x
A Walk to Wachusett		<i>The Boston Miscellany</i> , January 1843	x	
Walking	yes	<i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , June 1862	x	
Wendell Phillips Before the Concord Lyceum				x
Wild Apples	yes	<i>The Atlantic Monthly</i> , November 1862	x	
A Winter Walk		<i>The Dial</i> , October 1843	x	

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Excursions (1863):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Excursions*. Boston: Ticknor & Fields, 1863. Also includes Ralph Waldo Emerson's biographical sketch of Thoreau, which had been published in the August 1862 issue of *The Atlantic Monthly*.

Yankee / Reform (1866):

Thoreau, Henry David. *A Yankee in Canada, with Anti-Slavery and Reform Papers*. Boston: Ticknor & Fields, 1866. Also includes the five essay-chapters that make up *A Yankee in Canada*, as well as (by mistake?) Ralph Waldo Emerson's essay, "Prayers."

Table Two

title of essay	Excursions (1893)	Miscellanies (1893)	Cape Cod and Miscellanies (1906)	Excursions and Poems (1906)
number of essays	9	11	11	9
Anacreon				
Aulus Persius Flaccus				
Autumnal Tints	x			x
Chastity & Sensuality				
Civil Disobedience [Resistance to Civil Government]		x	x	
Dark Ages				
Died ... Miss Anna Jones				
Friendship				
Herald of Freedom		x	x	
Homer. Ossian. Chaucer				
Huckleberries				
The Landlord	x			x
The Last Days of John Brown		x	x	
Life Without Principle		x	x	
Love				
The Martyrdom of John Brown [After the Death of John Brown]		x	x	
Natural History of Massachusetts	x			x
Night and Moonlight	x			x
Paradise (to be) Regained		x	x	
A Plea for Captain John Brown		x	x	
Reform and the Reformers				
The Service		x	x	
Sir Walter Raleigh				
Slavery in Massachusetts		x	x	
[An Address on] The Succession of Forest Trees	x			x

Thomas Carlyle and His Works		x	x	
A Walk to Wachusett	x			x
Walking	x			x
Wendell Phillips Before the Concord Lyceum		x	x	
Wild Apples	x			x
A Winter Walk	x			x

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Excursions (1893):

Thoreau, Henry David. *The Writings of Henry David Thoreau. Volume IX: Excursions*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1893. Includes the five essay-chapters of *A Yankee in Canada*. Also includes “May Days” and “Days and Nights in Concord:” two unique collections of entries from Thoreau’s journal, gleaned from days in Mays, and then from days in Augusts and Septembers.

Miscellanies (1893):

Thoreau, Henry David. *The Writings of Henry David Thoreau. Volume X: Miscellanies*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1893. Also includes Emerson’s biographical sketch of Thoreau, as well as an index to the set. plus “The Prometheus Bound of Aeschylus,” “Translations from Pindar,” and 10 poems.

Cape Cod and Miscellanies (1906):

Thoreau, Henry David. *The Writings of Henry David Thoreau. Volume 4: Cape Cod and Miscellanies*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1906. Of course: also includes the full text of *Cape Cod*.

Excursions and Poems (1906):

Thoreau, Henry David. *The Writings of Henry David Thoreau. Volume 5: Excursions and Poems*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Company, 1906. Includes the five essay-chapters of *A Yankee in Canada*, as well as "The Prometheus Bound of Aeschylus," "Translations from Pindar" and 22+ poems.

Table Three

title of essay	Portable (1947, 1962, et. al)	Reform Papers (1973)	Early Essays and Miscellanies (1975)	Dover (1993)
number of essays	6	11	8 here, 53 total	5
Anacreon				
Aulus Persius Flaccus			x	
Autumnal Tints				
Chastity & Sensuality			x	
Civil Disobedience [Resistance to Civil Government]	x	x		x
Dark Ages			x	
Died ... Miss Anna Jones			x	
Friendship				
Herald of Freedom		x		
Homer. Ossian. Chaucer			x	
Huckleberries				
The Landlord				
The Last Days of John Brown	x	x		
Life Without Principle	x	x		x
Love			x	
The Martyrdom of John Brown [After the Death of John Brown]		x		
Natural History of Massachusetts	x			
Night and Moonlight				
Paradise (to be) Regained		x		
A Plea for Captain John Brown		x		x
Reform and the Reformers		x		
The Service		x		
Sir Walter Raleigh			x	
Slavery in Massachusetts [An Address on]		x		x
The Succession of Forest Trees				

Thomas Carlyle and His Works			x	
A Walk to Wachusett				
Walking	x			x
Wendell Phillips Before the Concord Lyceum		x		
Wild Apples				
A Winter Walk	x			

Bibliography

Portable (1947, 1962, et. al):

Bode, Carl, ed. *The Portable Thoreau*. New York: Penguin Books, 1947, 1962, et. al. Also includes *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers* and *Walden*; parts of *The Maine Woods*, *A Yankee in Canada*, and *Cape Cod*; some Journal entries; and 18 poems.

Reform Papers (1973):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Reform Papers. (The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau)* Edited by Wendell Glick. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1973. These contents are the same as **Higher Law (2004)**.

Early Essays and Miscellanies (1975):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Early Essays and Miscellanies. (The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau)* Edited by Joseph J. Moldenhauer, Edwin Moser, and Alexander C. Kern. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1975. Contains a total of 53 essays.

Dover (1993):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Civil Disobedience and Other Essays. (Dover Thrift Editions)* New York: Dover Publications, 1993, 2016.

Table Four

title of essay	Library of America (2001)	Hyde (2002)	Rossi (2002)	Higher Law (2004)
number of essays	26	12	8	11
Anacreon				
Aulus Persius Flaccus	x			
Autumnal Tints	x	x	x	
Chastity & Sensuality	x			
Civil Disobedience [Resistance to Civil Government]	x	x		x
Dark Ages	x			
Died ... Miss Anna Jones				
Friendship				
Herald of Freedom	x			x
Homer. Ossian. Chaucer	x			
Huckleberries	x		x	
The Landlord	x			
The Last Days of John Brown	x	x		x
Life Without Principle	x	x		x
Love	x			
The Martyrdom of John Brown [After the Death of John Brown]	x			x
Natural History of Massachusetts	x	x	x	
Night and Moonlight				
Paradise (to be) Regained	x	x		x
A Plea for Captain John Brown	x	x		x
Reform and the Reformers				x
The Service	x			x
Sir Walter Raleigh	x			
Slavery in Massachusetts [An Address on]	x	x	x	x
The Succession of Forest Trees				
Thomas Carlyle and His Works	x			

A Walk to Wachusett	x		x	
Walking	x	x	x	
Wendell Phillips Before the Concord Lyceum	x			x
Wild Apples	x	x	x	
A Winter Walk	x	x	x	

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Library of America (2001):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Collected Essays and Poems. (Library of America)* Edited by Elizabeth Hall Witherell. New York: Literary Classics of the United States, 2001. Also includes the five essay-chapters of *A Yankee in Canada*.

Hyde (2002):

Hyde, Lewis, ed. *The Essays of Henry D. Thoreau*. New York: North Point Press, 2002. Also includes “Ktaadn.”

Rossi (2002):

Rossi, William, ed. *Wild Apples and Other Natural History Essays*. Athens: The University of Georgia Press, 2002.

Higher Law (2004):

Glick, Wendell, ed. *The Higher Law: Thoreau on Civil Disobedience and Reform*. With an introduction by Howard Zinn. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2004. These contents are the same as **Reform Papers (1973)**.

Table Five

title of essay	Excursions (2007)	Library of America (2007)	Portable (2012)	Cramer (2013)
number of essays	8	26	6	15
Anacreon				
Aulus Persius Flaccus		x		
Autumnal Tints	x	x		x
Chastity & Sensuality		x		
Civil Disobedience [Resistance to Civil Government]		x	x	x
Dark Ages		x		
Died ... Miss Anna Jones				
Friendship				
Herald of Freedom		x		
Homer. Ossian. Chaucer		x		
Huckleberries		x		
The Landlord	x	x		
The Last Days of John Brown		x	x	x
Life Without Principle		x	x	x
Love		x		
The Martyrdom of John Brown [After the Death of John Brown]		x		
Natural History of Massachusetts	x	x	x	x
Night and Moonlight				
Paradise (to be) Regained		x		x
A Plea for Captain John Brown		x		x
Reform and the Reformers				
The Service		x		
Sir Walter Raleigh		x		
Slavery in Massachusetts [An Address on]	x	x		x
The Succession of Forest Trees				
Thomas Carlyle and His Works		x		x

A Walk to Wachusett	x	x		x
Walking	x	x	x	x
Wendell Phillips Before the Concord Lyceum		x		x
Wild Apples	x	x		x
A Winter Walk	x	x	x	x

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Excursions (2007):

Moldenhauer, Joseph J., ed. *Excursions. (The Writings of Henry D. Thoreau)* Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2007. Also includes the five essay-chapters of *A Yankee in Canada*.

Library of America (2007):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden, The Maine Woods, Collected Essays and Poems. (Library of America College Editions)* New York: Literary of America, 2007. Also includes the five essay-chapters of *A Yankee in Canada*.

Portable (2012):

Cramer, Jeffrey S., ed. *The Portable Thoreau*. New York: Penguin Books, 2012. Also includes *Walden*; parts of *A Week on the Concord and Merrimack Rivers*, *The Maine Woods*, and *Cape Cod*; some Journal entries; some Correspondence; and 21 poems.

Cramer (2013):

Thoreau, Henry David. *Essays: A Fully Annotated Edition*. Edited by Jeffrey S. Cramer. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2013. The only truly annotated essay volume available.