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| Assertion | Response |
| 1. “But men labor under a mistake. The better part of the man is soon ploughed into the soil for compost.” (pg. 47) 2. “Quotation 2.” | 1. Thoreau is saying that men who work hard are rarely rewarded. “The better part of man…” is referring to the imminent death of all men. The “mistake” refers to the assumption many men take for granted – hard work will reap reward. This assertion shows that Thoreau clearly has an issue with the societal format of the time. Thoreau argues that by working hard to achieve success, men are in reality missing the best points of life. 2. Response….. |
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