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Henry David Thoreau's "Where I lived, and What I Lived For" Questions

**Directions:** Answer each question *in complete sentences*. You must answer all parts to each question.

1. Thoreau writes, "We do not ride on the railroad; it rides upon us" (para. 2). Consider an electronic device (such as a laptop computer, a smartphone, a tablet, or an MP3 player). What would Thoreau say about it? Has this device helped to simplify our lives, or has it had a negative impact on them?
2. Paragraph 2 opens with a simile and continues its lengthy development with more similes and an extended metaphor. Identify these **and** explain their effect.
3. Thoreau opens paragraph 3 with a rhetorical question. How effectively does the rest of the paragraph answer – or does he intend to "answer" the question?
4. Compare the probable rhetorical effect of paragraph 4 at the time it was written with its effect today.
5. In the concluding paragraph, Thoreau develops two metaphors regarding time and the intellect. What are they? What is their effect?