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Civil Disobedience

1. It may be called disobedience because it calls for society to not trust the government or higher power/dictators. It wants to let society know that dictator’s laws are not trustworthy. It also wants the men to disobey the government and not pay their taxes and to be men before subjects.
2. He defines the government as useless and it doesn’t ever prove itself and that it gets its power from the citizens or the majority.
3. That being men means living a fulfilled life, instead of being another money maker for the government. The difference between men and subjects is that men are free to live for themselves and not the government, and that subjects are laborers for the government and are their workers.
4. He thinks that they are the same as materials like wood or brick. He says that they are machines with their bodies that serve the government.
5. He says that the government is unjust and that men need to decide if they’re going to pay taxes or not. He wants the men to defy the government.
6. He doesn’t pay his taxes and he makes it seem like those who do are worthless cowards who are just pawns to the government. He goes to jail and says that jail wasn’t that bad. I think in this day and time people would do the same thing that he did, especially with the Mexican-American and his belief that is supported slavery. If I were in his shoes back then, I would have tried to get more people to try and limit the government’s power. He says that the best government is one who governs least, so I think that’s the best place to start.