

## Reading Questions for *The Organic Machine* (chapter 2), *Walden*, and “Energy, Power, and the Perceptions of Social Change in the Early Nineteenth Century”

STS.038 Class Discussion: Wednesday, September 20, 2006

- 1) What did industrialization change? What did it leave the same? What was its relationship to the landscape? To Nature?
- 2) How did Americans perceive industrialization? What did they think was important about it? What was not? Did people think it was a good thing or not?
- 3) How did industrialization change human life along the Columbia River?
- 4) What is the relationship between industrialization and human labor?
- 5) What does Thoreau think of the railroad? How does it compare to White’s presentation of Kipling and Emerson?
- 6) How does industrialization affect the relationships between places? Between the people in those places? Between people and their environments?
- 7) What does Dolores Greenberg mean by an “energy mystique?”
- 8) How are ideas about the past, present, and future influenced by technology? By energy?
- 9) How does technology relate to society? How do ideas about technology relate to ideas about society?
- 10) Was the Industrial Revolution a revolution?