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March Response Questions

1. Describe the act of civil disobedience taking place in this excerpt. Who is protesting? What are they protesting? How do they protest? What happens when they protest?

2. Why do the police eventually let the protestors go? Find a quote in "Civil Disobedience" that relates to this event.

3. How does the fact that this is a non-violent protest make it effective?

4. The irony of the scene on page 102 is that Lewis is being arrested, yet he says that he felt "free" and "liberated". How can he say that he feels free when he is literally being imprisoned? How does this relate to Thoreau?

5. How would Thoreau respond to someone who says that the protesters should have just voted to change things instead of breaking the law and risking their lives? Include a quote from "Civil Disobedience" to support your answer.