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boyhood world Winters in Boston are filled with restraint rules confinement school and a sense of order that is thrillingly interrupted by wild snowball fights Summers at his paternal grandparents home in nearby Quincy bring freedom delight hope and a close relationship with Grandfather John Quincy Adams formerly the sixth President of the United States Henry is a child of privilege that as much as anything shapes the outer direction of his life But his world is rapidly changing a theme that will affect Henry's education throughout the book Social change comes first A trip to Maryland Virginia and Washington D C with his father in 1850 introduces Henry to life in the near South its appealing informality contrasting with the horrors of slavery which the Adams family is devoted to eradicating even though it will mean Civil War The style of the book affects the reader's understanding The narrator is Henry in his late sixties he speaks in the third person treating the younger Henry objectively except for occasional insights into the boy's attitudes The reader rarely sees Henry's emotions Adams speaks of the key figure as a manikin and his education as the various costumes draped across it The reader soon learns that Adams is using the term education in an unusual broad sense He has little use for formal schooling including Harvard College where Henry as told in the book is an average student but a good writer and speaker graduating in 1858 as the Class Orator During a two year Grand Tour of Europe Henry makes a lame effort at studying law but finds that his German is inadequate and ends up devoting a term to learning the language in a Berlin prep school He returns to work as a private secretary to his father a Congressman in Washington during the winter of 1860 1861 Having published some travel letters in the Boston Daily Courier while in Europe Henry becomes the part time Washington correspondent for the Boston Daily Advertiser during the winter of political turmoil leading up to the secession of many of the slave states

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