

**VILLAGE - DAY**

*Thoreau discovers a game show while walking through the village and begins planning who he'll team up with.*

*(Thoreau walks along a village path. He spots a flyer on a brick wall.)*

**NARRATOR**

One day, Thoreau went on a walk to the village, and what he saw next, would change his life forever...

**THOREAU**

(Interested and excited)

Ooh, what do we have here?

*(Thoreau picks up the flyer and begins reading the game show description aloud.)*

**THOREAU**

Sign up to participate in the first-ever *Bean Brawl*, a once-in-a-lifetime game show! By providing the right answers to the questions given, you can win points and take down the other team!

The prize will be a lifetime supply of beans.

*(Thoreau briefly stops reading and raises his head in contemplation.)*

**THOREAU**

(Being convinced)

Oh, I do love beans!

*(Thoreau begins reading again.)*

**THOREAU**

(Devastated)

In order to participate, each team  
requires three members!

*(Thoreau, still holding the flyer, begins walking off-stage.)*

**THOREAU**

Maybe I can get some animals to  
join me...

*(Thoreau strolls off stage.)*

**FOREST - DAY**

*Thoreau begins finding animals to join him*

**THOREAU**

Hey you! Come here! You guys BETTER  
join my team for the Bean Brawl,  
otherwise I'm gonna EAT you BOTH!!

**WOODCHUCK**

*(whispers to Loon unintelligibly)*

**LOON**

Uhhh.... Sure, we'll join you!

*(Loudly whispers)*

It's not like we have much of a  
choice, anyways...

**THOREAU**

Awesome! But you guys do know that  
you won't be answering any  
questions, right...

I only need you guys to fill the  
requirement.

Oh, and you WON'T be getting ANY  
beans once I WIN.

**WOODCHUCK**

(nervously laughs)

Yeah... cool.

**BEAN BRAWL**

[Summary of scene]

**NARRATOR**

And now \\\\[ the long-awaited day of the bean brawl begins.

*(Loon and Woodchuck enter the stage.)*

**LOON**

You know the plan, right? We're not  
on Thoreau's team!

**WOODCHUCK**

Yeah! Blud wanted to eat me!

**LOON**

And he was chasing me around for an  
hour! We must get revenge!

*(Thoreau and Ellen Sewall enter from opposite sides.)*

**THOREAU**

(To LOON and WOODCHUCK)

You guys know the plan right? You  
guys say nothing and the beans are  
all mine!

**ELLEN**

(sickened)

Oh, *you're* here.

**HOST**

(grandeur)

Who's ready to...

*(Host points to audience.)*

**HOST (WITH AUDIENCE)**

WIN! SOME! BEANS!

**AUDIENCE**

\*cheers\*

**HOST**

(Grandeur)

Then let's get started! First,  
let's see our teams!

On Thoreau's side, we have...

*(Host waits 5 seconds.)*

**HOST**

(Less grandeur)

*I said,* on Thoreau's side, we  
have...

*(Host waits 3 seconds.)*

**HOST**

(without grandeur)

Come on guys, you're supposed to  
say your name if you're on  
Thoreau's team.

**LOON**

We know. We're on Ellen's side now.

*(Loon and Woodchuck move across the stage to join Ellen. Thoreau  
appears shocked.)*

**HOST**

(back to grandeur)

You heard it here first folks! In a  
shocking turn of events, Thoreau is  
left without a team! Let's see how  
this turns out, folks!

**Thoreau**

Well, solitude is my best friend, let me cook now.

**HOST**

For those just tuning in, here are  
the rules:

A question will be asked, and each  
team will have a chance to buzz  
their button to try answering the  
question. Each team can keep  
buzzing until one team gets it  
right.

The winning team will receive a  
lifetime supply of beans!!!!

Any Questions?

*(Host waits 3 seconds.)*

**HOST**

Alright, then let's begin!

(Bean Brawl music begins as Ellen's team and Thoreau walk to the podium.)

**HOST**

First question!

We surveyed 50 Mass Academy elders,  
asking them what their favorite  
pastimes are. The top three answers  
are on the board. Buzz when you're  
ready.

*(Thoreau buzzes the button)*

**HOST**

Alright Thoreau, what's your  
answer?

**THOREAU**

(confidently)

Farming beans!

*(Wrong answer sound is played.)*

**HOST**

Sorry, that's incorrect. Alright,  
Ellen's team, you're up!

**ELLEN**

Reading?

*(Sound effect plays and the answer flips to spot #1.)*

**WOODCHUCK**

Learning new things!

*(Sound effect plays and the answer flips to spot #2].)*

**LOON**

Playing games!

*(Sound effect plays and the answer flips to spot #3.)*

**HOST**

Great job! You got all the answers  
right!

*(Host turns to look at a dejected Thoreau.)*

**HOST**

Aw, Thoreau, looks like you need  
some help.

*(Ellen's team starts emoting on Thoreau.)*

**THOREAU**

Nah, I got this. Let me cook.

**HOST**

Second question: When we asked the  
elders about common New Year's  
Resolutions, they said \_\_\_\_\_. Buzz  
whe-

*(Thoreau buzzes his button.)*

**HOST**

Alright Thoreau, what's your  
answer?

**THOREAU**

(confidently)

Measure beans!

*(Wrong answer sound is played.)*

**HOST**

Sorry, that's incorrect.

Alright, Ellen's team, you're up!

**LOON**

Going to the gym!

*(Answer flips to number 1 spot.)*

**ELLEN**

Be a better person!

*(Answer flips to number 2 spot.)*

**WOODCHUCK**

Eating healthier!

*(Answer flips to number 3 spot.)*

**HOST**

Great job, you got all the answers  
right!

Thoreau, are you sure you don't  
need help?

**THOREAU**

*(speaking his thoughts out loud)*

Hmm, maybe I do need some help.

*(Speaking to everyone now)*

Alright, I guess I do want some.  
Who wants to join me?

*(Ellen and the animals stare blankly.)*

**HOST**

*(talking to the crowd)*

Alright, do any two brave  
individuals wanna join Thoreau for  
the finale?

*(Host picks two students from the crowd.)*

**THOREAU**

You guys ready to rumble?



**HOST**

Alright, for your final question,  
this will be all or nothing, so if  
you get this question right, your  
team will win!

**HOST**

Finally, we asked the elders: What  
is your ideal vacation spot?

*(Thoreau cuts him off before he finishes the question.)*

**THOREAU**

Walden pond!

**HOST**

Sorry, that's incorrect. Alright,  
Ellen's team, you're up!

**ELLEN**

Antarctica!

**HOST**

Sorry, that's also incorrect.

**THOREAU**

Ha! That's what you get for  
rejecting me!

*(Ellen's team glares.)*

**THOREAU**

Alright, it's my turn! My answer  
is-...

(catches himself)

Oh wait, teamwork!

What do you guys think?

*(Thoreau turns to talk with his team.)*

*(They discuss)*

**THOREAU**

Alright, our answer is \_\_\_\_!

**HOST**

And we have a WINNER of the Bean Brawl! Let's give Thoreau and his team a hand for the spectacular comeback!

**THOREAU**

I knew I - I mean we - could do it!  
So, where's my lifetime supply of beans?

**HOST**

Here, take your beans.

*(Host hands beans to Thoreau)*

**HOST**

Alright, that's it folks for today's edition of Bean Brawl! See you all next time!

**ELLEN**

Wow, maybe Thoreau has finally learned his lesson!

**WOODCHUCK**

Yeah, maybe he won't try to eat me this time!

*(They turn to look at Thoreau (who is walking away), content with his beans)*

*(Ellen and animals facepalm)*

**THE END**