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Please base your response on the essay “Civil Disobedience’ and the given criteria.

Moral Criteria for Civil Disobedience

1. The Law itself:  we may morally disobey an unjust law, we must obey all just laws  
     
   1. Just Law:  one that upholds/supports the dignity and value of human life
   2. Unjust law: one that undermines the dignity and value of human life
2. One must be willing and able to accept the punishment/penalty society will impose for violating the law.
3. One must make a clear and public statement of one’s intentions:  the purpose of civil disobedience is not to disobey law, but to shed light on injustice.
4. One must guarantee that violence is ever used.

Based on your reading of the essay “Civil Disobedience” and using the given criteria, explain if Thoreau's actions were civilly disobedient or not. Be sure to apply all four (4) of the criteria to your response and give SPECIFIC reference to the essay