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Thank you for downloading Noteskine theme. If you have any questions that are beyond the scope of this help file, please feel free ask any questions sending email.

Thank you so much!

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Installation

To install this theme you must have a working version of WordPress already installed. For information regarding the installation of the WordPress platform, please see the WordPress Codex:

http://codex.wordpress.org/Installing_WordPress

Once WordPress is installed, you can upload the theme files and activate the theme. The theme files can be uploaded in two ways:

FTP Upload:

1. Using your FTP program, upload the non-zipped theme folder **("noteskine")** into the **/wp-content/themes/** folder on your server.
2. Once the theme is uploaded, you need to activate it. Go to **"Appearance" > "Themes"** and activate your chosen theme.

WordPress Upload:

1. In your admin panel, go to **"Appearance" > "Themes"** and click the **"Add New"**.
2. Click **"Upload Theme"** and **"Choose File"**, then select the **"noteskine.zip"** file.
3. Click **"Install Now"**.
4. Click **"Activate"** to use your new theme right away.

Adding posts

To add a new post, navigate to **"Posts" > "Add New".** Here you can add a Title, your post content, assign various categories and tags, upload images, add videos or audio content.

Adding drop caps

Noteskine lets you add drop caps to your content. Drop cap letter will have height of three standard line heights and accent color of your choice.

Steps to add drop cap:

1. Select first letter of content paragraph.

2. Click **"Drop cap"** button in visual editor.
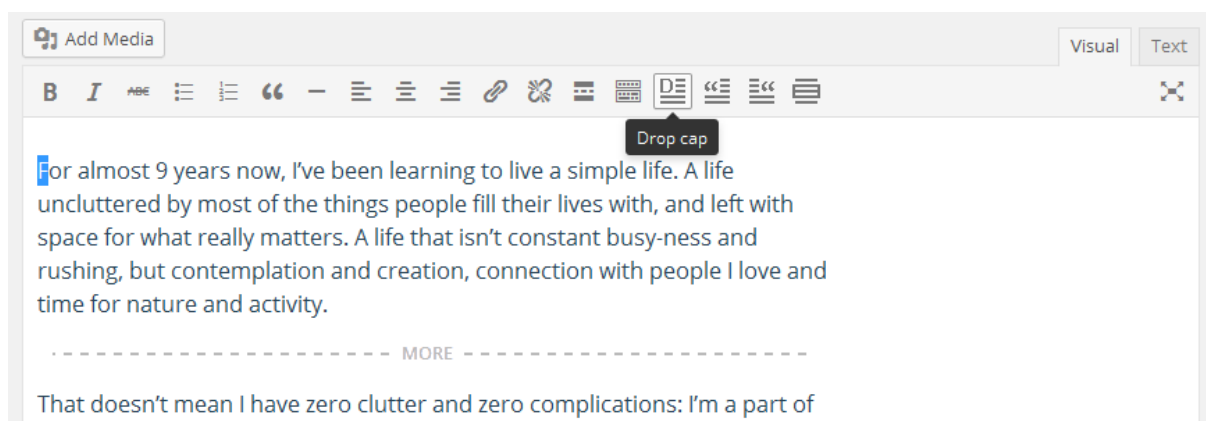
Result:

Long list about living simle life

November 17, 2014

For almost 9 years now, I've been learning to live a simple life. A life uncluttered by most of the things people fill their lives with, and left with space for what really matters. A life that isn't constant busy-ness and rushing, but contemplation and creation, connection with people I love and time for nature and activity.
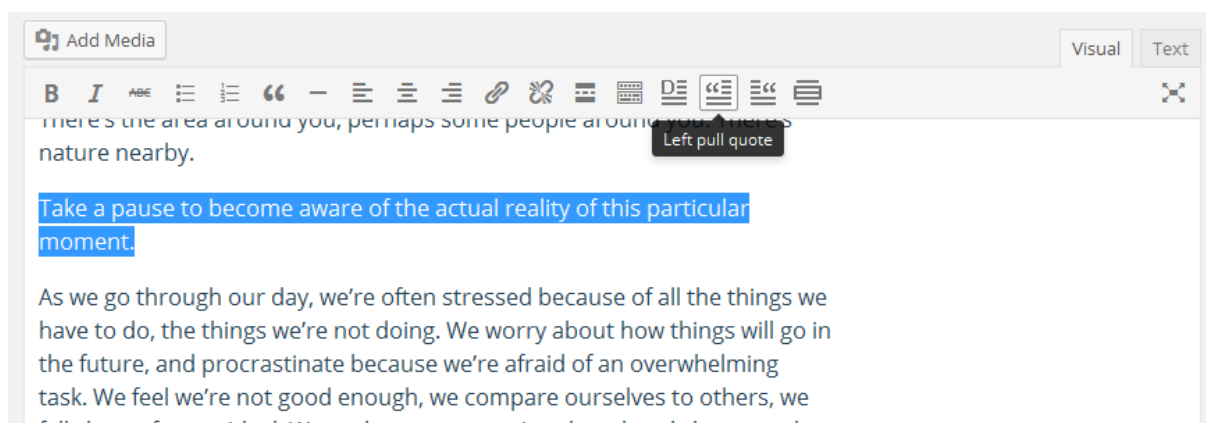
That doesn't mean I have zero clutter and zero complications: I'm a part of

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Adding pull quotes

Pull quotes will move selected text to the left or right site of the article and use bigger font size and accent color.

Steps to add pull quote:

1. Select whole paragraph .

2. Click **"Left pull quote"** or **"Right pull quote"** button in visual editor.

Result:

You're reading, and there are a bunch of other tasks you want to do on your computer, yes … but there's also your body. How does that feel? There's the area around you, perhaps some people around you. There's nature nearby.

Take a pause to become aware of the actual reality of this particular moment.

As we go through our day, we're often stressed because of all the things we have to do, the things we're not doing. We worry about how things will go in the future, and procrastinate because we're afraid of an overwhelming task.

We feel we're not good enough, we compare ourselves to others, we fall short of some ideal. We replay a conversation that already happened.

Steps to delete pull quote:

1. Select **"Text"** editor tab .

2. Find pull quote paragraph in content.

3. Delete opening **""** and closing **""** span tags.
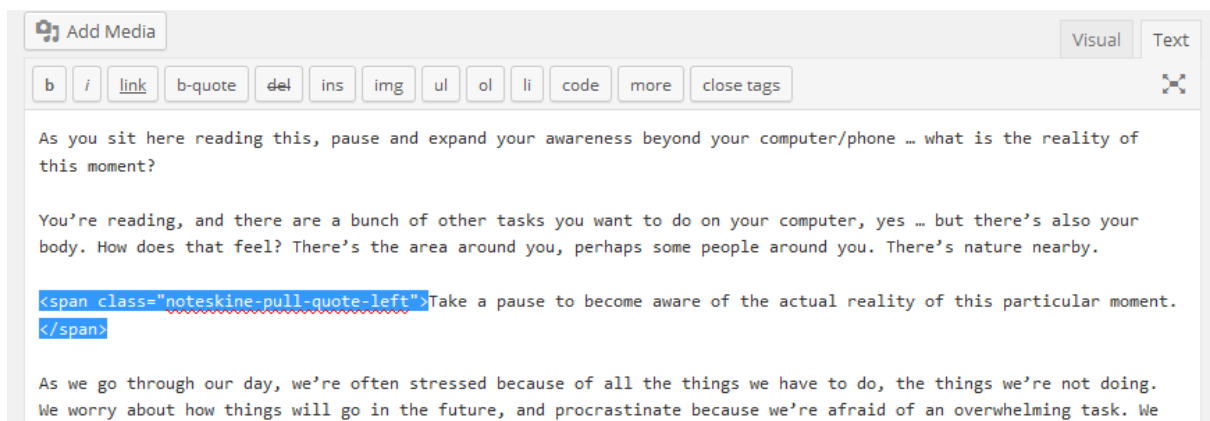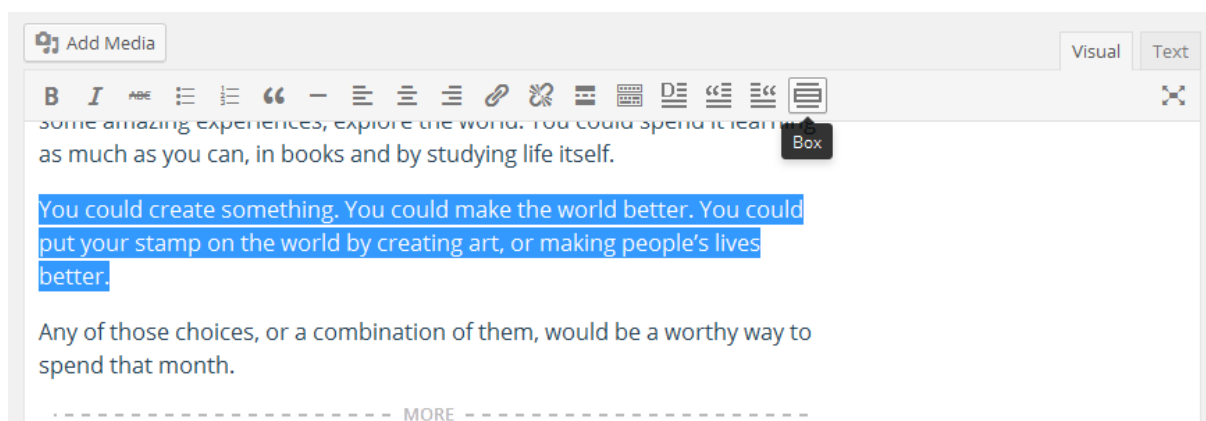
Adding highlighted box

Highlighted box will change the background of selected text to accent color. Text in this box will be white.

Steps to add highlighted box:

1. Select whole paragraph .

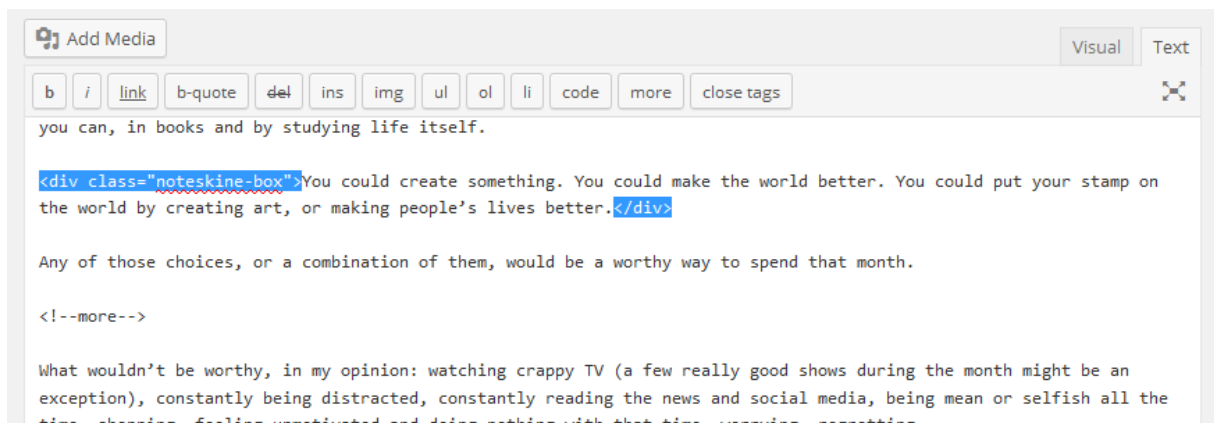2. Click **"Box"** button in visual editor.

Result:

Steps to delete highlighted box:

1. Select **"Text"** editor tab .

2. Find highlighted paragraph in content.

3. Delete opening **"<div class="noteskine-box">"** and closing **"</div>"** div tags.

Regenerate images

Noteskine uses additional custom image sizes that are automatically created when new image is uploaded into WordPress.

If you already have images in your media library, it is recommended to regenerate this images to ensure they will fit perfectly in Noteskine theme.

It is very important for thumbnails and "full-width" images.

The easiest way to regenerate images is to use plugin called "Regenerate Thumbnails".

You can download it from here:

https://wordpress.org/plugins/regenerate-thumbnails/

When plugin is installed and activated go: **"Tools" > "Regen. Thumbnails" > "Regenerate All Thumbnails".**

Now all images should look nice.

Adding images

You can add as many images as you wish o the post. Just click **"Add Media"** button and select from uploaded files or upload new. Of course you can chose image size and alignment when inserting to the post.
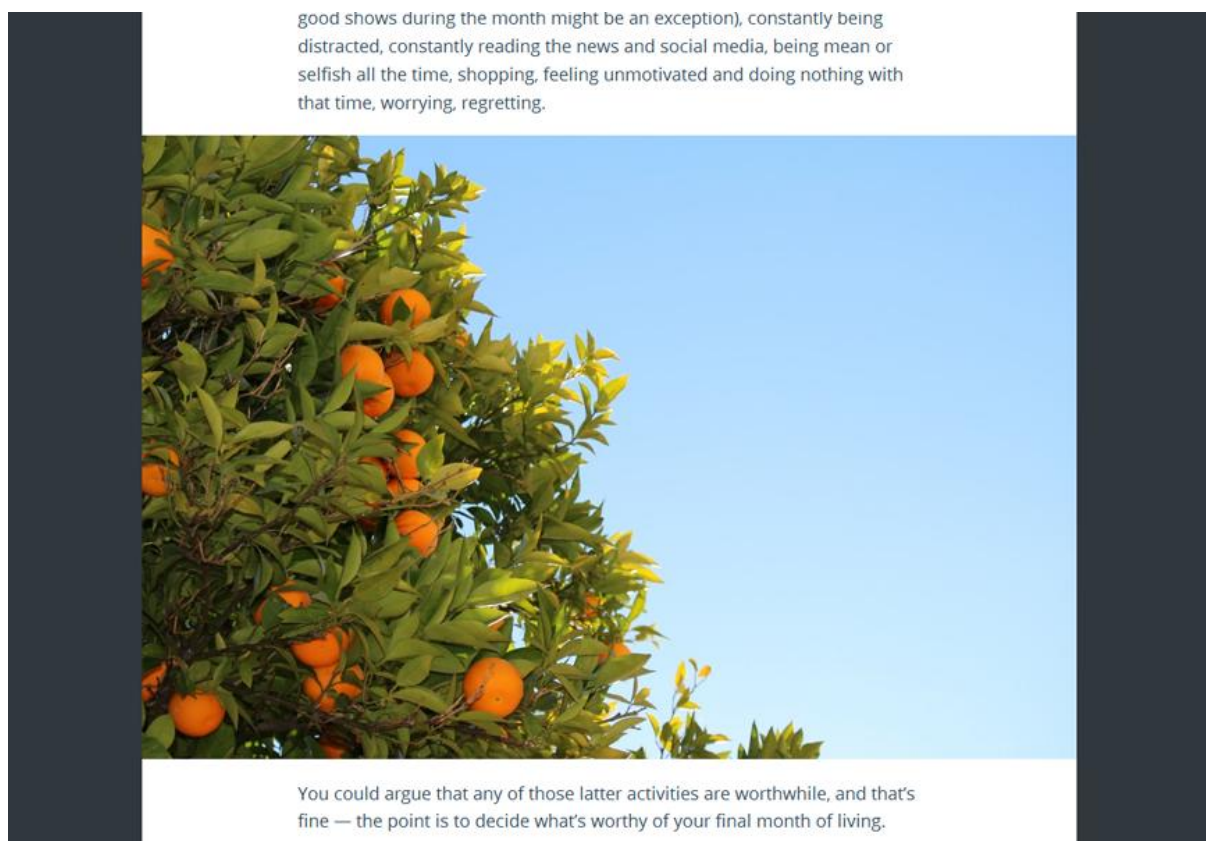
Adding "Full Width" images

To display full width image you should set "**Align" to "None"** and **"Size" to "Full Width – 960 x …".** This will stretch image from left to right edge of content box.

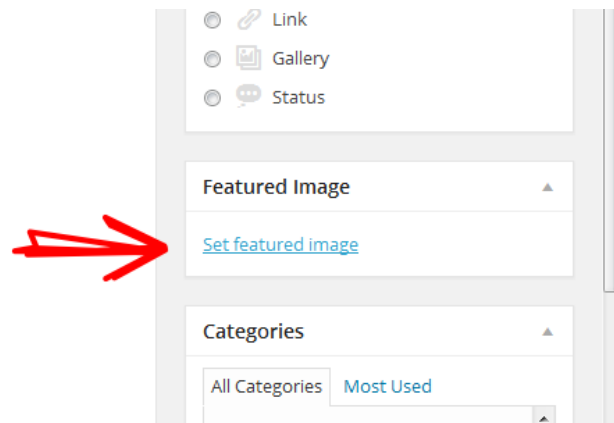**Note that recommended minimal image size is 960 pixels.**
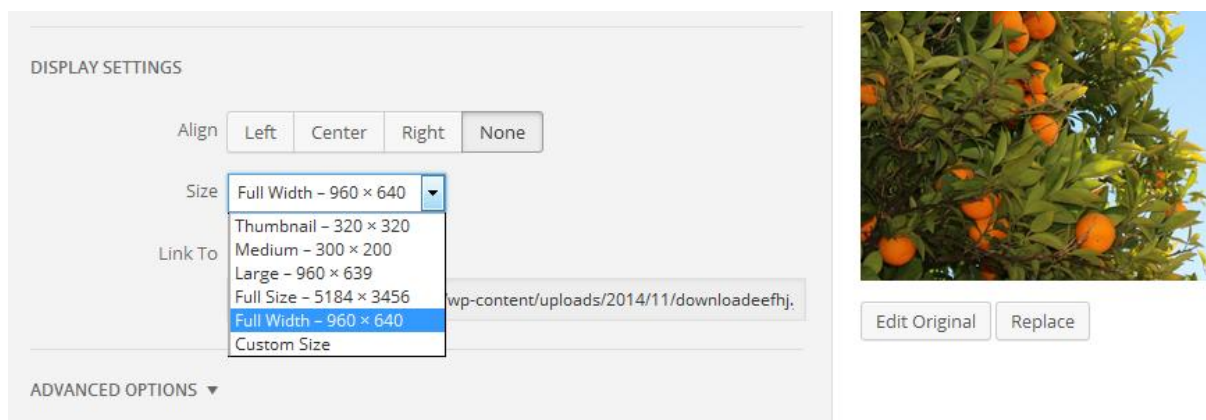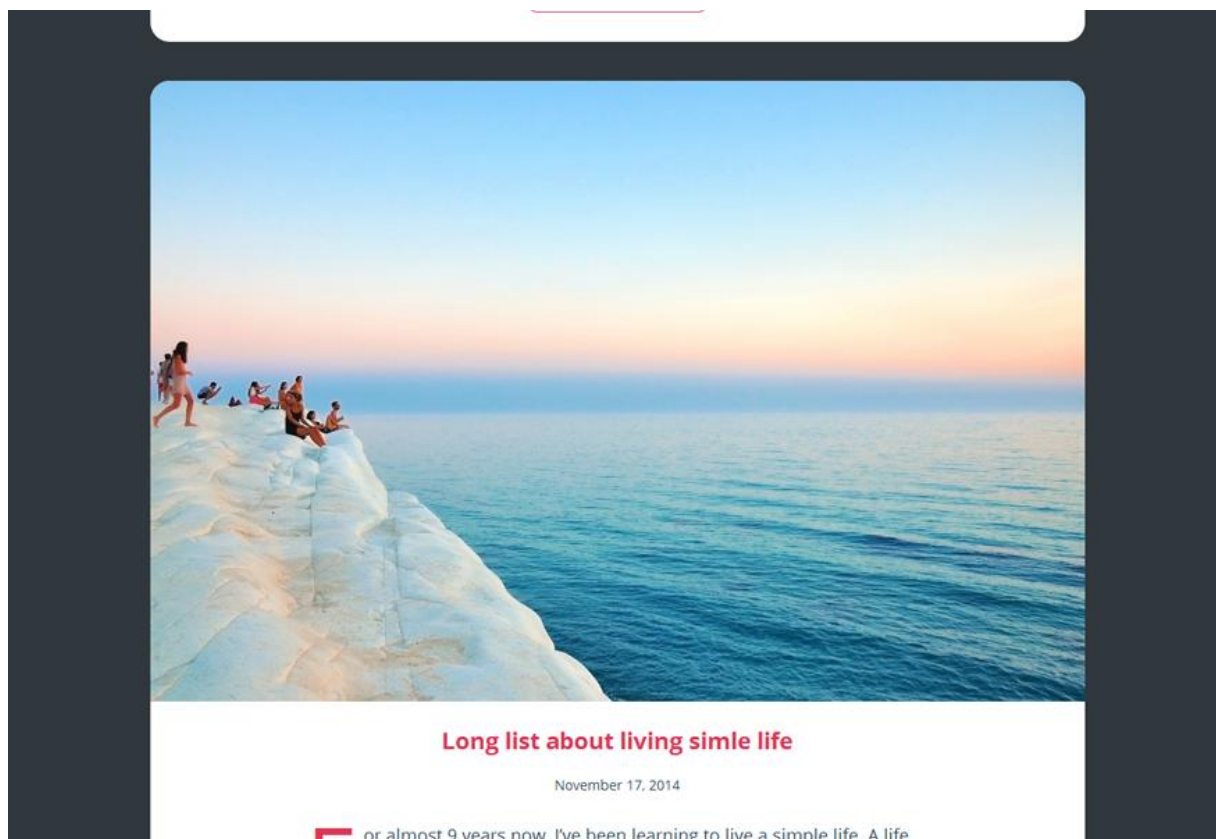

Result:

Adding "Featured Image"

Featured image will be displayed over the post title as post thumbnail. In "Aside", "Status" and "Quote" post formats it will be used as background for your content.

Note that recommended minimal image size is 960 pixels.

Result:

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Adding video and audio

Each post can display a video from YouTube and Vimeo or audio from Soundcloud. To add a video or audio from either Vimeo or YouTube, simply copy and paste the page URL of the video or audio and paste it into visual post editor.

Note, you don't need to use the video "embed code". Just the video link.

Example:

http://vimeo.com/57617388

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VpZmIilXuZ0

https://soundcloud.com/nettwerkmusicgroup/kidstreet-song-1
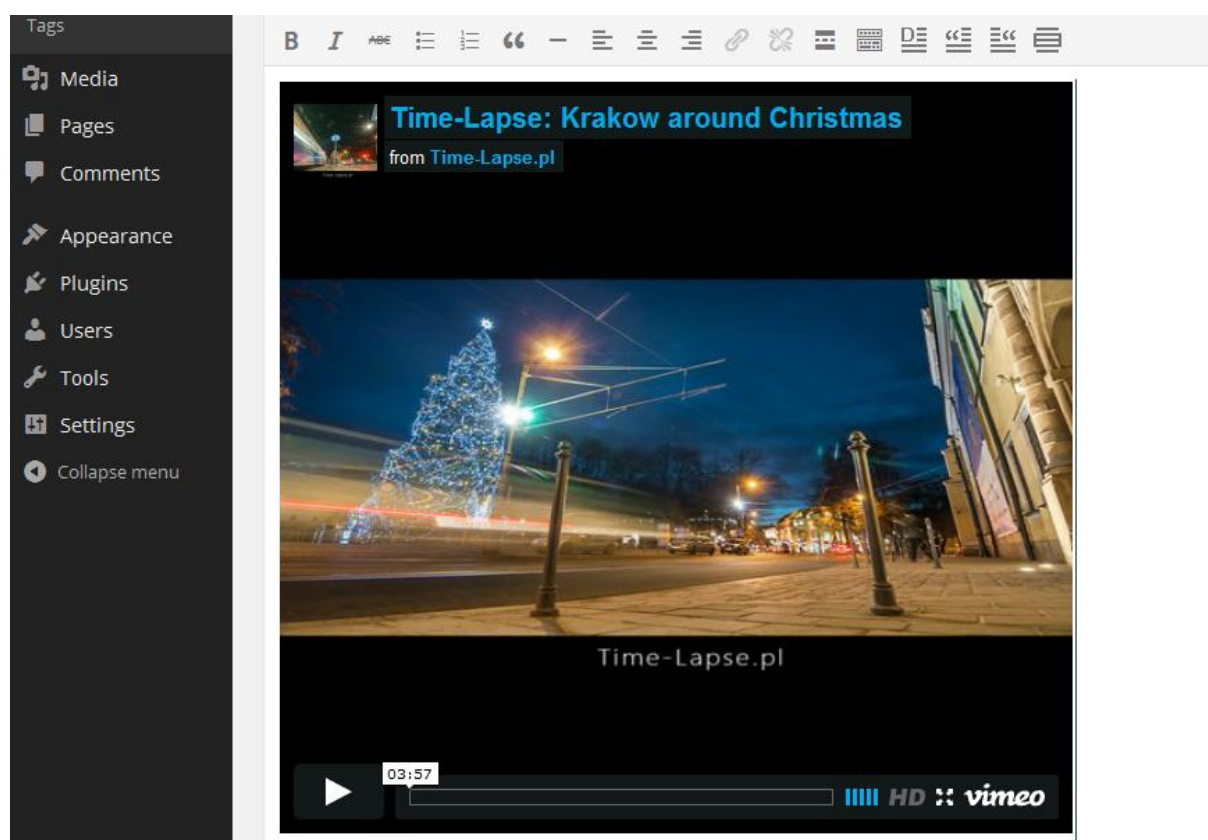
If you want to use video as a post thumbnail just select "Video" post format.

If you want to use audio as a post thumbnail just select "Audio" post format.

Adding "continue >" button after excerpt

To add **"continue >"** button to your article you should decide where to end your excerpt. After last sentence of post excerpt skip to next line pressing enter button. Now you click **"Insert Read More tag"** in visual editor. Everything above **"- - MORE - -"** line will be visible on home page and archive pages. To read full article you should click **"continue >"** button.
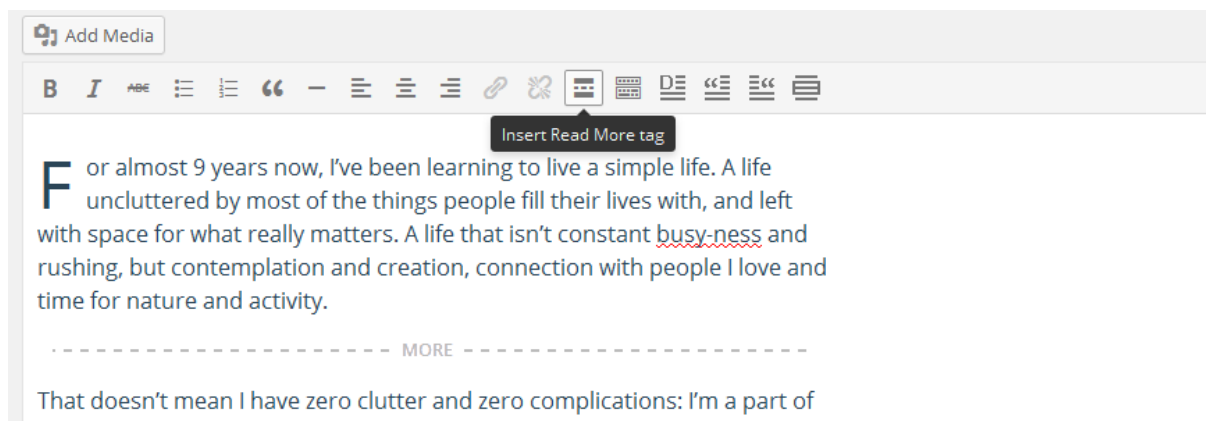
Result:
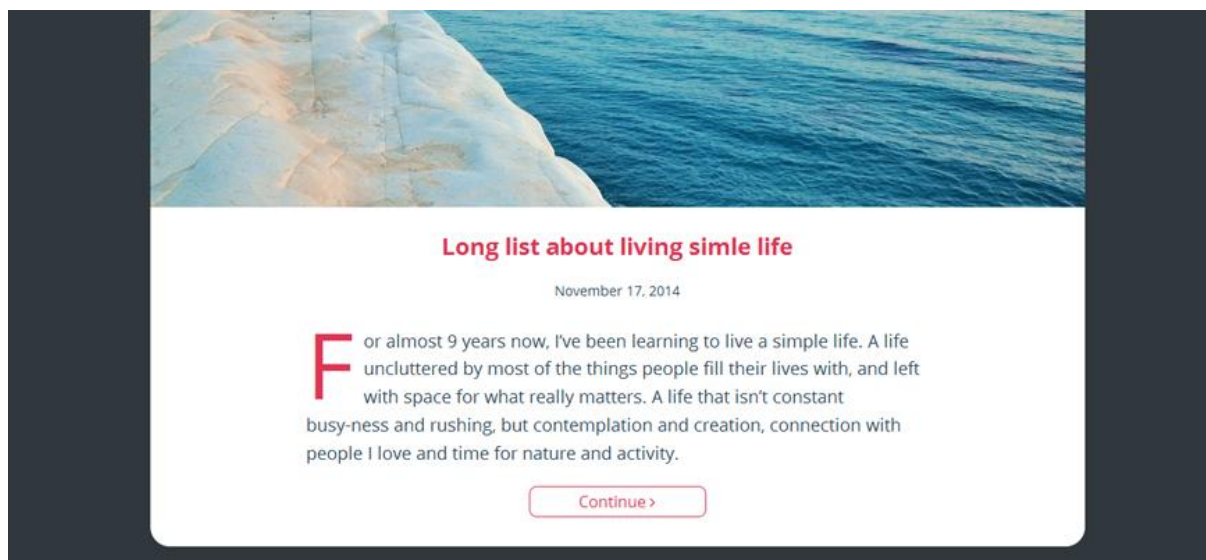
Note if you do not insert read more tag, whole article will be visible on home page and archive pages.

You can automatically add "continue >" button after 55 first words of article. Just check **"Use Automatic Excerpts"** in **"Options"** section in theme customizer.

Sticky posts

If you wish to display some posts always on the front page, just make them "sticky".

Edit **"Visibility"** in **"Publish"** section and select **"Stick this post to the front page"**.

Sticky posts has ribbon on top left corner to distinguish them.
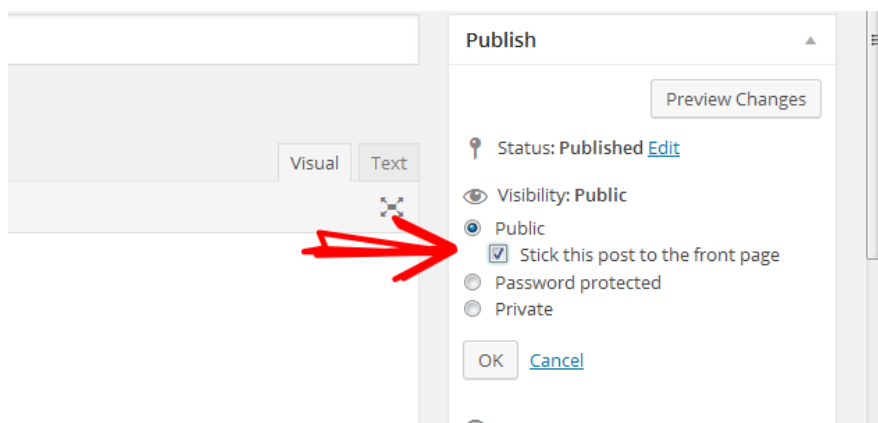
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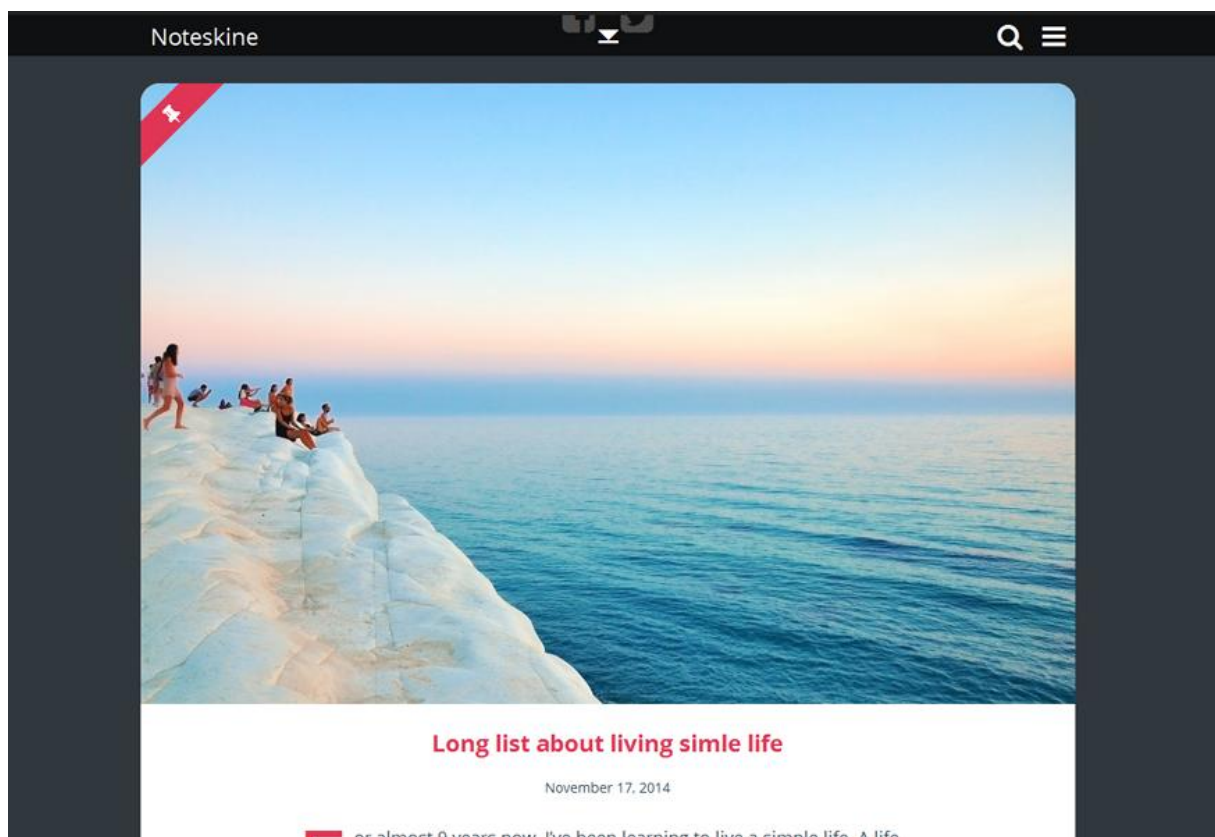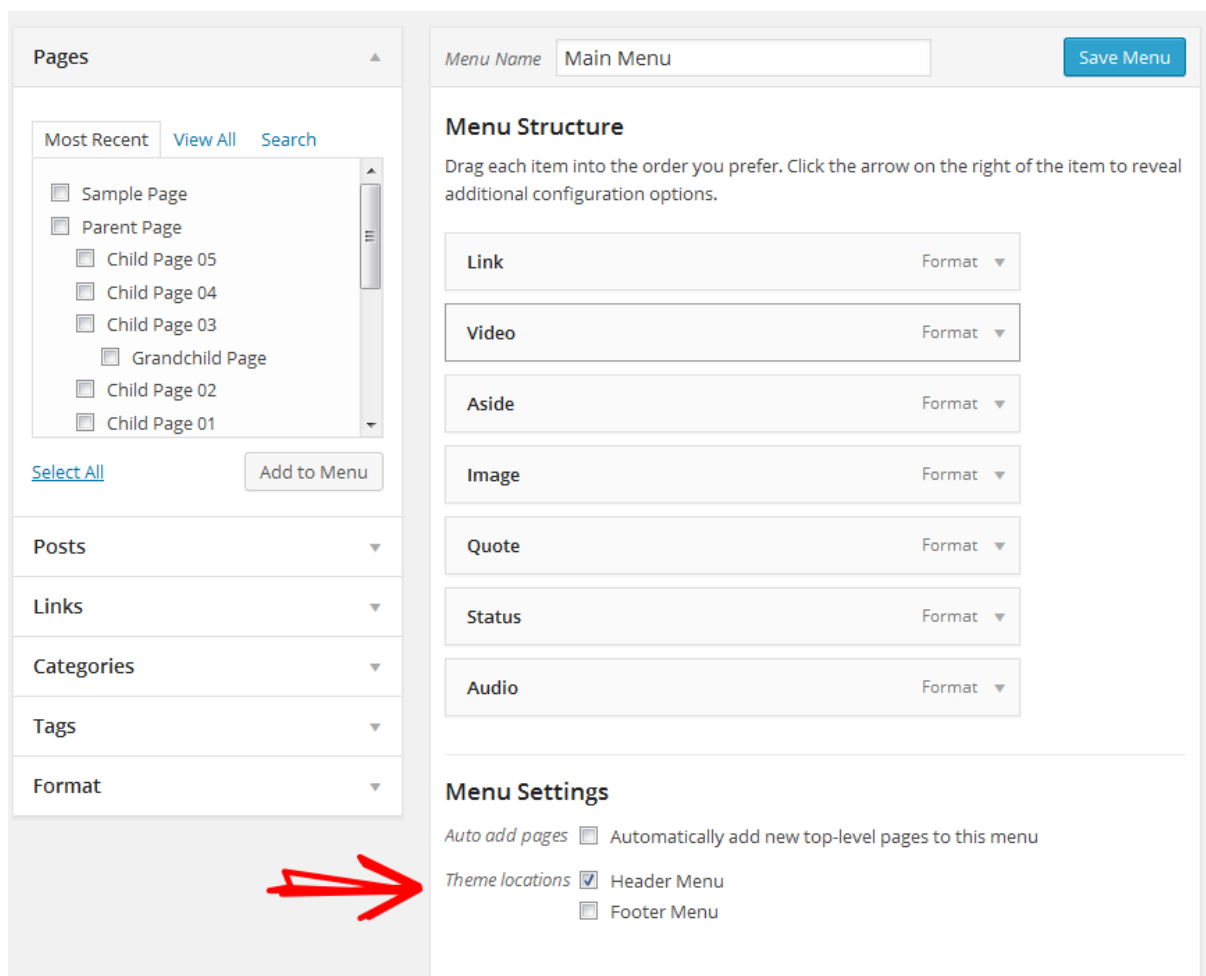
Adding Menus

The Noteskine theme comes with two custom menu locations called "Header Menu" and "Footer Menu".

- "Header Menu" is located at the very top of each page.
- Footer Menu" is located at the very bottom of each page.

To setup your custom menus, navigate to **"Appearance" > "Menus".** Give your menu a name and create your menu items using the available options. You can add a variety of items including pages, categories, custom links, post formats. To extend the available options, click the **"Screen Options"** tab at the very top of the screen and configure your preferences.

In **"Menu Settings"** section chose location for current menu. There are two options: **"Header Manu"** and **"Footer Menu"**.

Once you've added all your items to your menu and chose location, be sure to click **"Save Menu"**.

Theme options

1.0 Site Header Panel

Site Title & Tagline Section

- **Site Title** - Enter site title. It will be displayed in header.
- Tagline - Enter site description. It will be displayed under header on home page.
- **Display Title** - Check to display site title.
- **Display Tagline** - Check to display site description.

Logo & Favicon Section

- **Upload Header** – Upload site logo image. It will be displayed instead of site title text in header.
- **Upload Favicon** – Upload favicon image. It will be displayed in browser tabs.

Header Colors Section

- **Site Title Color** – Select color of site title text.
- **Header Text Color** - Select color of all texts and icons in header.
- **Header Background Color** - Select color of header background.
- **Header Background Opacity** - Select opacity of header background.

Header Settings Section

- **Display Search Box** – Check to display search icon and search box in header.
- **Display Top/Bottom Navigation** - Check to display arrows navigating to the site pagination or site header. Arrows will be visible only on home, archive and search pages. They will be hidden on single post or page.
- **Display Post Navigation** - Check to display "Older", "Random" and "Next" post navigation buttons. "Older" button will take you to the previous post, "Next" button will take you to the newer post and "Random" button will take you to randomly selected post. Post navigation buttons are visible only on single posts. They will be hidden on home, archive and search pages.
- **Fixed header** – Check to make site header fixed to the top of the browser window. It will be always visible and accessible. If this option is not checked, site header will scroll with other site contents.

2.0 Hero Area Panel

Hero Area Image Section

- **Upload Hero Area Image** - Upload big hero area image. It will be displayed under site header.
- **Hero Area Image Opacity** - Select opacity of hero area image.
- **Fixed Hero Area Image** - Check to make hero area image fixed to the top of the browser window. If this option is not checked, hero area image will scroll with other site contents.
- **Hide Image on Single Post Page** - Check to hide hero area image on single post pages. It will be visible on home, archive and search pages.
- **Hide Image** - Check to hide hero area image on all types of pages.
- **Display Gradient on Image** - Check to display color gradient on hero area image. It is recommended to set gradient color to same color as background. Color selection is available in **"Background"** panel in **"Background Colors"** section.

Social Media Buttons Section

- **Display Social Media Links** - Check to hide display active social media links under site header.
- **Social Media Textboxes** – Insert full URL address to your social media profiles. Only filled social media links will be displayed.

3.0 Background Panel

Background Image Section

- **Background Image** - Upload site background image. It will be displayed under site content.
- **Background Repeat** – This option is available only when background image is uploaded. You can chose how to repeat your background image.
- **Background Attachment** - This option is available only when background image is uploaded. You can chose how to attach your background image.

Background Colors Section

- **Background Color** - Select color of site background.
- **Hero Area Gradient Color** - Select color of hero area gradient color. Same color as background recommended.
- **Pagination Text Color – Hover** - Select color of hovered text in pagination. Same color as background recommended.
- **Background Text Color** – Select color of all texts displayed over site background. It will affect site tagline, social media links, site pagination and all descriptions displayed under site header.
- **Display Shadows Under Content Boxes** – Check to display shadows under white content boxes. It is especially useful if you set bright background color.

4.0 Post Panel

Standard Format Colors Section

- **Accent Color** - Select color of post titles, headings, drop caps, pull quotes, highlighted boxes, sticky ribbons and links in content.
- **Main Text Color** - Select color of main text in articles.
- **Secondary Text Color** - Select color of secondary text in articles. It will be used for quotes and information about post.

Aside Format Colors Section

- **Aside Text Color** - Select color of text in aside format posts.
- **1st Background Color** - Select first color of background in aside format posts. It will be a part of two color gradient.
- **2nd Background Color** - Select second color of background in aside format posts. It will be a part of two color gradient.
- **Text Shadow** - Check to display shadows under text in aside format posts.

Status Format Colors Section

- **Aside Text Color** - Select color of text in status format posts.
- **1st Background Color** - Select first color of background in status format posts. It will be a part of two color gradient.
- **2nd Background Color** - Select second color of background in status format posts. It will be a part of two color gradient.
- **Text Shadow** - Check to display shadows under text in status format posts.

Quote Format Colors Section

- **Aside Text Color** - Select color of text in quote format posts.
- **1st Background Color** - Select first color of background in quote format posts. It will be a part of two color gradient.
- **2nd Background Color** - Select second color of background in quote format posts. It will be a part of two color gradient.
- **Text Shadow** - Check to display shadows under text in quote format posts.

Post Info Section

- **Display Date Under Title** – Check to display date under post title.
- **Display Date** – Check to display date at the end of article in post info section.
- **Display Post Author** - Check to display author's name at the end of article in post info section.
- **Display Post Categories** - Check to display categories at the end of article in post info section.
- **Display Post Tags** - Check to display tags at the end of article in post info section.

5.0 Site Footer Panel

Footer Colors Section

- **Footer Text Color** - Select color of all texts in footer.
- **Footer Accent Color** - Select color of all links in footer.
- **Footer Background Color** - Select color of footer background.
- **Footer Background Opacity** - Select opacity of footer background.

Footer Settings Section

- **Hide Widget Area** – Check to hide widget areas on all types of pages. If not checked, widget area will be visible on home page, archive pages and search pages.
- **Hide Footer Menu** – Check to hide footer menu.
- **Copyright Message** – Write your own copyright message. It will be displayed in footer.

6 Options Section

- **Use Automatic Excerpts** – Check to use automatic excerpts. It will automatically add "continue >" button after 55 first words of your article.

  Note: I personally recommend to use **"Insert Read More tag"**. It will give you more control and you will decide how long excerpt should be. Using this method you can display full posts on home page.

- **Display Reading Progress Bar** – Check to display reading progress bar under site header. It will show your current position on article. It is more accurate than browser scrollbar because it measures only the length of article, not the length of whole site. It will be visible only on long articles.
- **Display Related Posts** – Check to display three related posts under article. It is based on post categories.
- **Font Family** – Select sans serif or serif font type. Changes will be applied to your articles.
- **Google Analytics Code** – If you use Google Analytics you can paste your tracking code in this textarea. Make sure you paste whole code with opening <script> and closing </script> tags.

Theme files

The basic structure

This template is a responsive layout built upon "Media Queries". The css uses "media queries" to size specific content areas and other elements depending on browser width. Refer to the media queries section at the end of style.css for more information.

CSS files and structure

To ensure maximum flexibility, and allowing for easier changes, I'm using one main style.css file for all changes.

style.css – is used for the specific styling of elements, layout and typography throughout the site. In this file you can change the styles of any of the elements throughout the site.

If you would like to edit a specific section of the site, simply identity the class you wish to change and find the appropriate label in style.css.

Javascript

This theme imports multiple javascript files. The use of javascript in this site enhances the user experience, but isn't necessary to view the site if the user have javascript disabled.

All included scripts were made specifically for Noteskine theme.

- **buttons-plugin** – custom buttons in visual editor.
- **fluid-video** – videos will fit perfectly to article box.
- **helpers** – support for different web browsers.
- **menu** – reaction for clicking menu button.
- **next-prev-titles** – display next and previous post titles on hover.
- **reading-progress** – settings of reading progress bar.
- **search**- reaction for clicking search button.
- **theme-customizer** – support for live preview in theme customizer.
- **top-bottom** – "back to top" and "go to pagination" arrows.

Once again, thank you so much for choosing Noteskine theme.

Hope you like it.

As I said at the beginning, I'd be glad to help you if you have any questions relating to this theme.

Thanks Again!

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