**TRANSCENDENTALISM WRITING**

**Task 1 (35 pts):**

Show a full understanding of Transcendental theory by choosing 2-3 of the cartoons/quotes provided to you that you believe provide a great picture of Transcendentalism. Which of these can you use to point out major Transcendental ideas? Be thorough, touching on the major concepts we discussed and took notes over in class and the quote sheets from Emerson and Thoreau. Refer back to the Transcendentalism Essential Questions and your notes to make sure you are including as much as possible about what the Transcendentalists believe. You should also include at minimum 5 quotes from your Emerson and Thoreau quote sheets in your written explanation. Specifically refer to the concepts, words, or pictures from the cartoons and quotes that you select that display the aspects of Transcendental thought. Your writing should be 2-3 pages.

**Task 2 (15 pts): Evaluate, Explain, Provide Evidence**

1. Choose one quote from either your Emerson sheet or your Thoreau sheet that you believe American society today would embrace (most Americans believe and follow). Explain why, using the quote and specific evidence from society. In your explanation, your understanding of the quote should be clear. (approximately ½ page)
2. Choose one quote from either your Emerson sheet or your Thoreau sheet that you believe American society today needs to hear. What quote would be excellent advice in order to help improve our culture? Explain why (especially why Americans need this message) using the quote and specific evidence from society. Your evidence should prove that American society has a problem(s) that can be improved with the advice in this quote. In your explanation, your understanding of the quote should be clear. (approximately ½ page)
3. Choose one quote from either your Emerson sheet or your Thoreau sheet that you see connections with in a favorite song or poem. In your description, you will explain how the song/poem lyrics display the philosophy and ideas represented by the quote. You will need to refer to specific lyrics from the song/poem in your explanation and provide a copy of the those lyrics. (approximately ½ page)

\*\*\*Each of your 3 quote choices should be different.

\*\*\*You need at least one quote from Emerson and one quote from Thoreau in your selections.

**\*\*\*CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE IS NOT A TRANSCENDENTALIST TEXT**

You can work with one partner for this writing if you choose. If you take this option, the two of you will turn in one paper with both of your names on it. Understand that you will receive one grade, and it will be the same for both individuals. Also, each of you individually will complete letter C.

Answer the questions directly. While you should be writing in paragraphs and with solid grammar and mechanics, there is no need to follow a basic essay organizational format (intro, body, conclusion). Get right to the point, and focus on what you can prove using the literature.

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