

15 October 2012

- Some seats have changed. Sit at the desk with your handout.
- **If you were absent Friday**, check your folder. You should have the literary analysis paragraph assignment in it.
 - You also have a test and quiz to make up. Come in after school today or before/after school tomorrow; or today during the last 20 minutes of lunch.
- **Turn in analysis paragraph for +10** (these are due by tomorrow; Friday is the last day they will be accepted for a late grade of 50). Turn in “The Devil & Tom Walker” worksheet with your paragraph.
- *Today you will fill out an anticipation guide for Transcendentalism, write in your journal, take notes over Transcendentalism, and read a speech, analyzing for transcendental characteristics.*

Transcendentalism Anticipation Guide

1. Circle or highlight each statement you agree with
2. Circle the words below that describe you

IN YOUR JOURNAL:

- Choose one of those words and write a paragraph about yourself as follows:
 1. Topic Sentence. (1 sentence) State the trait
 2. 4 detail sentences. (4 sentences) Prove you are that trait with reasons and examples. Be specific!

Belief that people,
_____, and God are

Stress on

and self-reliance

Belief that

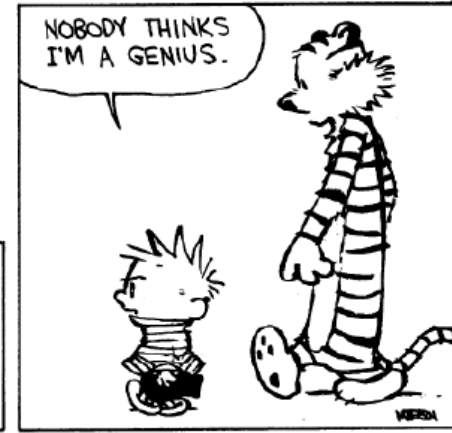
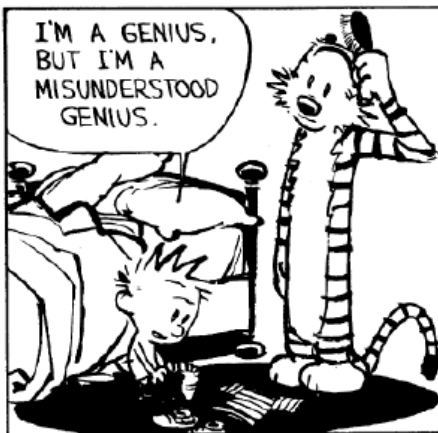
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Faith in the

goodness of

Transcendentalism
"Trust thyself"

of emotions and the



Belief that people,
nature, and God are
interconnected

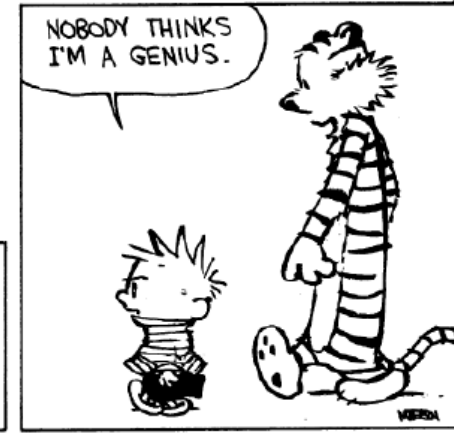
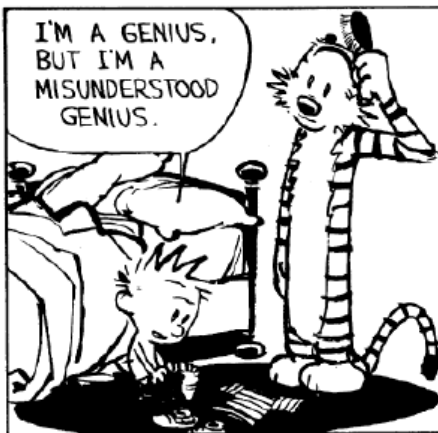
Stress on
individualism
and self-reliance

Belief that
intuition
can lead to
knowledge

Transcendentalism
"Trust thyself"

Faith in the
inherent
goodness of
people

Celebration
of emotions and the
imagination



Transcendentalism

- an intellectual movement that emphasized the **dignity** of the **individual** and advocated a **simple**, mindful life.
- The transcendentalists wanted to transcend – or **go beyond** – the limitations of the senses and everyday experience.
- Transcendentalists believed in disregarding external **authority** in **favor** of one's own **experience** and intuition.

Transcendentalism

- “transcendent forms” of **truth** exist beyond **reason** and **experience**; every individual is capable of discovering this truth on his or her own, through **intuition**
- people are inherently **good** and should follow their own **beliefs**, however **controversial** they may be
- special emphasis on **communing** with uncorrupted **nature**

Basic Transcendental Tenets (Beliefs)

- 1) Carpe Diem: Seize the Day
- 2) Civil disobedience. disregard for authority
- 3) Self-reliance, confidence
- 4) Individualism, non-conformity
- 5) Importance of nature
- 6) Interconnectedness of people, nature, and God
- 7) Simplify, Simplify, Simplify
- 8) Tolerance

Additional beliefs...

- A. Idealism, optimism
- B. Reflection & Introspection (looking inward, getting to know yourself)
- C. “Over soul”

Transcendental Beliefs (in other words)

- Everything in the world, including human beings, is a reflection of the Divine Soul (the Over-Soul).
- The physical facts of the natural world are a doorway to the spiritual or ideal world.
- People can use their intuition to observe God's spirit revealed in nature or in their own souls.
- Self-reliance and individualism are more important than external authority and blind conformity to custom and tradition.
- Spontaneous feelings and intuition are superior to intellectualism and rationality.

“The Girl Who Silenced the UN for 5 Minutes”

(1st, 3rd, 7th periods)

Read the speech; identify transcendental characteristics as you read (make notes on the page itself)

At the end of the page, identify 2 transcendental characteristics

- 1) First characteristic. Give 2 quoted examples. Explain the quotes.
- 2) Second characteristic. Give 2 quoted examples. Explain the quotes.
- If you don't finish this today, it's due at the beginning of class tomorrow (along with your analysis paragraphs)