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• 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!
Transcendentalism

"Trust thyself"

Belief that people, __________, and God are ________________

Stress on ______________ and self-reliance

Belief that ______________ can lead to ______________

Faith in the _______________ goodness of ______________

_____________________{of} emotions and the ___________________
Transcendentalism

"Trust thyself"

- Belief that people, nature, and God are interconnected
- Stress on individualism and self-reliance
- Belief that intuition can lead to knowledge
- 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)