Journal “Non-Conformity”

Transcendental Tenets

Analyze music lyrics for transcendental tenets

Write sentences
In complete sentences...

1. How does this quote play out in your life?
2. Connect to a story/movie/tv show (something other than your life). How has this quote played out in one of those?
3. Write a brief conclusion about the quote. (Consider how you can use this quote as advice for others.)
Basic Transcendental Tenets (Beliefs)
These tenets are themes found in transcendental writing (poetry, essays, stories, etc.)

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
Analyze Music Lyrics for Transcendental Themes
“The Anthem” – complete this together.

1) Write 1-2 sentences explaining what the song is about; embed a quote to help with your explanation.

2) Identify one of the themes above that is found in the song.

3) Find a quote in the song that helps express that theme.

4) Write a sentence in which you embed that quote and explain the theme of the song.
“The Anthem” is about not wanting to be like others, and the speaker encourages his listeners to be themselves. When he asks “do you really wanna be another trend,” he is rhetorically asking them if they want to be followers.

Theme: Civil Disobedience

Quote “I could never live the way they want”

Sentence analyzing theme: The song includes the theme of civil disobedience when the speaker responds that he “could never live the way they want” and go to college.