

“The Transcendentalists” Research Project
50 points

DIRECTIONS: In groups, you will complete a project that will be presented to the class using Google Slides.

The **first part** of the project involves researching major transcendentalists and their ideals and movements. Find 5-7 traditional and modern-day transcendentalists, as well as basic information about how they have forged their own paths. What makes them transcendental? What ideals do they follow that represent transcendental qualities? Select ONE of these individuals to research in more depth.

The **second part** of the project involves researching your chosen individual. This person does not have to be famous, but you need to know enough about the individual to thoroughly address the following:

- What is this individual’s special creative talent?
- How has this individual been accepted in society?
- How has society influenced this particular individual?
- In what areas of life does this individual conform?
- In what areas of life does this individual not conform?
- Does this particular individual have any advice for society?

Create a visually appealing Google Presentation in Drive (one per group) to present your findings to the class. **Make sure the presentation is shared with all group members so that everyone can edit.** You will need a title slide containing all group members names. You will also need a works cited slide (or put URLs at the bottom of each corresponding slide). Divide the remaining slides as your group sees fit, making sure to organize the information logically and clearly. *Please avoid typing a large amount of text on the slides; instead, use bullet points to guide you as you share the information with the class.*

Presentations will take place on the block day - 12/11 and 12/12.

GROUP MANAGERS: Each group member will manage ONE part of the project, ensuring that everyone contributes equally to that part and that the final product is successful.

- Research Manager: directs research and leads the assembly of Works Cited information
- Slides Manager: opens and shares Google Slides and guides creation and development of the presentation
- Content Manager: ensures that all required components of the assignment are included in the presentation

SCORING RUBRIC

1. Individual selected represents a clear example of transcendentalism.

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2. Biographical details about individual are thoroughly explained.

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3. Individual's influence on society is clearly explained.

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4. All criteria from assignment details are explained thoroughly.

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5. URLs are included (either on a Works Consulted slide OR on individual corresponding slides)

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6. Slides are proofread, easy to read, and use images/color.

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TOTAL SCORE: _____ / 50

COMMENTS:

GROUP NAMES:

TRANSCENDENTAL INDIVIDUAL: