

<p style="text-align: center;">Transcendentalists</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Anti-transcendentalists</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Humanity is god-like. ❖ People are basically good. ❖ Evil is non-existent in human beings. ❖ Self-reliance and individualism are important. ❖ They are idealists. <p>They believe that true reality is spiritual.</p> <p>Transcendentalists valued:</p> <p>NON-CONFORMITY ANTI-MATERIALISM REVERANCE FOR NATURE PASSIVE RESISTANCE TO INJUSTICE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Humanity is not god-like. ❖ People are basically not good. ❖ Evil exists in human beings. ❖ Sin, pain and evil are real. <p>They used symbolism to illustrate their points.</p>
<p>EMERSON THOREAU WHITMAN LONGFELLOW</p>	<p>POE MELVILLE IRVING</p>



Things to look for in Emerson's writing:

from "Self-Reliance":

". . . a foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds . . . "

"Whoso would be a man must be a non-conformist."

Other "gems" from Emerson not included in your text:

from *The American Scholar* :

"All things have two handles: beware of the wrong one."

Regarding the state of man:

"In the right state he is *Man Thinking*. In the degenerate state, when the victim of society, he tends to become a mere thinker, or still worse, the parrot of other men's thinking."



Things to look for in Thoreau's writing:

from *Walden* :

"Still we live meanly like ants Our life is frittered away by detail."

"Simplicity, simplicity, simplicity! I say let your affairs be as two or three, and not a hundred or a thousand . . . "

"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

from *Civil Disobedience* :

". . . government is best which governs not at all . . . "

"The character inherent in the American people has done all that has been accomplished: and would have done somewhat more if government had not sometimes got in its way."