

TRANSCENDENTALISM & MODERN SONG PROJECT

Major Principles of Transcendentalism:

- Question the status quo
- Trust/rely on yourself
- Learn from the world around you

Your Assignment: Discover how Transcendentalist ideas are alive in modern American culture. Pick out **TWO songs** that reflect the ideals of Transcendentalism. Make sure to read the lyrics of an entire song before you choose it. Then think: what is the song's message? Which Transcendentalist beliefs does it reflect and how? **Complete the chart at the end of this document.**

You must choose at least one song from the list below, the other song can be one you find, or both can be from the list below.

Songs that Reflect Transcendentalist Thinking:

Oldies / American Classics	Otis Redding - "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay" Louis Armstrong - "What a Wonderful World" Billy Joel - "Just the Way You Are" Frank Sinatra - "My Way" Grateful Dead - "Liberty" Bob Marley - "Get Up, Stand Up"	The Beatles - "Here Comes the Sun" Bob Dylan - "Blowin' in the Wind" Joni Mitchell - "Big Yellow Taxi" Three Dog Night - "Joy to the World" Pink Floyd - "Another Brick in the Wall", "Grandchester Meadows"
Pop / Rock	Avicii - "Wake Me Up" Katy Perry - "Roar" Beyonce - "Listen" Madonna - "Respect Yourself" Mariah Carey - "Hero" Dave Matthews Band - "Cry Freedom" U2 - "Beautiful Day" Van Halen - "Dreams" Creed - "Higher"	Whitney Houston - "One Moment in Time" Sting - "Fields of Gold" Jack Johnson - "Anything but the Truth" Nickelback - "Far Away" Tracy Chapman - "Fast Car" Daniel Powter - "Bad Day" Lady Gaga - "Born This Way", "Love Game" Sarah Bareilles - "Brave" Paramore - "Let the Flames Begin"
R&B / Rap	Tupac Shakur - "Keep Ya Head Up", "Changes" Destiny's Child - "Survivor" Desiree - "You Gotta Be"	Janet Jackson - "Clouds" Jermaine Jackson - "Rise to the Occasion" En Vogue - "Free Your Mind"

New Age / Classical	Enya - "Sail Away" Cranberries - "Copycat" Tim Janis - "Water's Edge" Vivaldi - "Four Seasons"	Yanni - "Rain Must Fall" Handel - "Water Music Suite No. 2 for orchestra in D major" Modest Mussorgsky - "Night on Bald Mountain, A, for orchestra"
Country	Dixie Chicks - "Wide Open Spaces" Lee Ann Womac - "I Hope You Dance" Billy Gilman - "Hero" Garth Brooks - "The River" and "We Shall Be Free" Norman Blake - "You Are My Sunshine" Martina McBride - "Independence Day" Trisha Yearwood - "Real Live Woman"	Tim McGraw - "Place in the Sun" and "Don't Take the Girl" Jo Dee Messina - "Burn" Rascal Flatts - "Prayin for Daylight" and "What Hurts the Most" Keith Urban - "Tonight I Wanna Cry" Taylor Swift - "Teardrops on My Guitar" and "Love Story" Hunter Hayes - "Invisible"

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Space for Ideas / Notes:

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Transcendentalism Song Project

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Society

Eddie Vedder - Pearl Jam

[Link to Video](#)

It's a mystery to me

We have a greed

With which we have agreed

You think you have to want

More than you need

Until you have it all you won't be free

Society, you're a crazy breed

I hope you're not lonely without me

When you want more than you have

You think you need

And when you think more than you want

Your thoughts begin to bleed

I think I need to find a bigger place

'Cause when you have more than you think

You need more space

Society, you're a crazy breed

I hope you're not lonely without me

Society, crazy and deep

I hope you're not lonely without me

There's those thinking more or less less is more

But if less is more how you're keeping score?

Means for every point you make

Your level drops

Kinda like it's starting from the top

You can't do that

Society, you're a crazy breed

I hope you're not lonely without me

Society, crazy and deep

I hope you're not lonely without me

Society, have mercy on me

I hope you're not angry if I disagree

Society, crazy and deep

I hope you're not lonely without me