



The Transparent Eyeball Project/ Transcendentalism Essay

“Standing on the bare ground—my head bathed by the blithe air, and uplifted into infinite space—all mean egotism vanishes. I become a transparent eyeball; I am nothing; I see all; the currents of the Universal Being circulate through me; I am part or parcel of God.”
Emerson

Due 10/22

Your mission: To create an expression of Transcendentalism.

- ❖ The expression needs to demonstrate your understanding of Transcendentalism/or an aspect of the philosophy.
- ❖ Your expression needs to be accompanied by a fully developed paragraph explaining Transcendentalism and how your creation expresses those ideas.
- ❖ Your expressions will be presented/displayed on the day due.
- ❖ You should include a quote or 2 from the readings. One from Emerson and one from Thoreau would be great.
- ❖ This is a creative option that should represent 2 to 3 hours of work.
- ❖ Drawing, painting, sculpture, poem, film, photograph, or original musical composition.

If you would rather write an analytical essay on Transcendentalism, you will need to clear a topic with me. All essays should be 2- 3 pages. Essays are also due on Monday.

You may select a topic of your choice, or you may argue the validity or invalidity of the key ideas presented by Thoreau or Emerson. All essays must include the discussion of at least 3 quotes.

This project will count for one major essay assignment.