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TRANSCENDENTALISM: Historical Context Webquest

Complete the graphic organizer below using online sources provided at the class website (MrFantinisClass.weebly.com)

The Big Picture: ROMANTICISM

1. **Define ROMANTICISM:**

2. Emerged in opposition to Rationalism. **Define RATIONALISM:**

3. Explain how **ROMANTICISM** and **RATIONALISM** disagree:

Offshoots of Romanticism

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><u>THE GOTHIC</u> <u>(or Dark Romanticism)</u></p> <p>4. <u>Define:</u></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TRANSCENDENTALISM</u></p> <p>5. <u>Define:</u></p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>SPIRITUALISM</u></p> <p>6. <u>Define:</u></p> |
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Focus on Transcendentalism

The Basics

7. When and where did the Transcendentalist movement begin?

8. What did it value?

9. What did it criticize?

10. Key Themes:
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Key Ideas (define each)

11. **Individualism:**

12. **Self-Reliance:**

13. **The Sublime:**

14. **The Over-Soul:**

Key People

15. Ralph Waldo Emerson

- Biography (short paragraph):

16. Henry David Thoreau

- Biography (short paragraph). Mention the following:
 - Walden Pond:
 - Imprisonment (Why was he imprisoned? How did he respond?)
 - **BONUS:** What were Thoreau's last words?

SOURCES:

1.-6. Background on Romanticism

- <http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Romanticism>
 - This article also explains connections to The Gothic.
 - Use this encyclopedia to look up Spiritualism as well.
- <https://www.britannica.com/art/Romanticism>

7.-10. Transcendentalism

- <https://www.britannica.com/event/Transcendentalism-American-movement>
- <http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Transcendentalism>

11.-14. Key Ideas of Transcendentalism:

- <http://www.ushistory.org/us/26f.asp>
- [http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Sublime_\(philosophy\)](http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Sublime_(philosophy))
- <https://www.shmoop.com/transcendentalism/correspondence-characteristic-over-soul-example.html>

15. Emerson Biography

- <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/emerson/>

16. Thoreau Biography

- <https://www.walden.org/thoreau/>