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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**

#### **THE GOTHIC** **(or Dark Romanticism)**

4. **Define:**

#### **TRANSCENDENTALISM**

5. **Define:**

#### **SPIRITUALISM**

6. **Define:**

### **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/>