

Name: _____, Period: _____

American Romanticism and Transcendentalism Anticipation Guide

Directions: Use complete sentences to address the statements below. Your responses should be a minimum of **FOUR** sentences and should include at least one reason or example to support why you agree or disagree with the statement. One of the statements will be a possible debate topic later in the week.

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2 pnts

1. People should make more of an effort to understand nature or find a connection to nature.

2 pnts

2. Knowledge is acquired more through senses and interaction in the world than through intuition and instinct.

2 pnts

3. It is always important to follow the rules in order to keep order in society.

2 pnts

4. Society is corrupt because its uniform, rigid, and materialistic nature. In order to be a true individual, one must live free of society's restrictions and expectations.

2 pnts

5. Technological Modern Society makes life too complex and creates more to create issues for human beings than it does to make life easier and more convenient.

Transcendentalism: The Seekers - Emerson Intro - Pages 384 - 387

Directions: Use complete sentences to answer the following questions.

1 pnt

1. What did the Transcendentalists put at the center of their philosophy? What are possible implications to this primary belief?

1 pnt

2. According to Emerson what can the human mind unlock? Do you agree with Emerson? Explain your answer - minimum 3 sentence response.

1 pnt

3. Which of Emerson's ideas was considered radical and why? Do you agree with Emerson? Explain your answer - minimum 3 sentence response.

1 pnt

4. According to the introduction what are three ways that the influence of Transcendentalism can be found in today's society?

Ralph Waldo Emerson

1 pnt

5. The introduction states that Emerson pushed for individuality, independence, and appreciation for nature. Why would these 3 ideas inspire and be influential on young adults? Explain your answer.

1 pnt

6. What are Emerson's feelings about conformity? What are possible implications for Emerson's beliefs? Explain your answer.

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7. What does it mean to be true to yourself? What does this idea have to do with nonconformity? Explain your answers.

1 pnt

8. What are the 3 cornerstone beliefs of Transcendentalism?

1 pnt

9. What are 2 ways of challenging an author's way of thinking?

1 pnt

10. Based on what you have read do you think Emerson would want you to question his works? Explain your answer.

1 pnt

Henry David Thoreau – pages 400 – 401

11. In a minimum of THREE sentences explain your impressions of Thoreau after reading his introduction.

1 pnt

12. How did Thoreau structure his masterwork, *Walden*?

1 pnt

13. Explain at least TWO interesting aspects of Thoreau's personality.

2 pnts

12. After reading the section "Connecting to the Literature" explain at least TWO "modern conveniences" that you could live without. Make sure to explain why.

2 pnts