**American Literature: Transcendentalism project**

**Part I:** **Transcendentalism Today**! Many of the ideas present in the writings of Thoreau and Emerson are seen even today. Find at least five references in modern culture which express the same ideas. Think about song lyrics, characters in movies or T.V. shows. Then, write down these five quotes or references. Your typed response needs to follow this form:  
1. **Quote/reference with MLA citation. Make sure the MLA citation is in the correct form as it would appear on a works cited page!**

1. Explain what it means
2. Explain how it echoes the philosophy of transcendentalism.

Materialism (how it is wrong) Self-Reliance Individualism Nature

Simplicity Non-Conformity

Part II. **Operation Technology Tear-Away. This portion will be completed alone.**

* Spend one whole day (24 hours) without the use of a computer, cell phone, mp3 player, or any other material good that you use excessively.
* Type a one-page journal entry about your experience. (250 words= one double spaced, typed page with inch margins.)
* Have a parent/guardian sign and date the bottom of your journal entry to verify that you completed your challenge.

Possible questions for your journal entry:

1. What material goods do you use excessively?

2. How do you normally use these material goods?

3. How did you feel without the use of this good? Did you feel free, bored, anxious, sad, independent?

4. Why did you feel this way?

5. How did this apply to transcendental thought?

6. What did you learn about yourself as a result of this challenge?

\***Focus correction: No passive voice!**