Capitol Peak Formal Writing Guide

HEADING

TITLE OF WORK
Followed by TWO blank lines only.

ACCEPTABLE FONTS

- New York
- Helvetica
- Times
- Arial

Unusual fonts may be OK in cases where you are attempting to simulate handwriting or old text.

- max. 12 or 14 pt. font for body

SPACING
The body of your writings should be set to a space-and-a-half.

PAGE NUMBERING
If over one page, your writing should have the page numbers at the bottom center of each page.

Student Name
Teacher Name
Class & Period
Date

Transcendentalism

Ralph Waldo Emerson was the central and most influential figure among the group of radical thinkers and writers of the 1830s-1850s known as the New England Transcendentalists. His Nature , issued anonymously in 1836 (the year after he settled permanently on the Cambridge Turnpike in Concord), was a systematic exposition of Transcendental philosophy. Its publication marked the beginning of a period of intense intellectual ferment and literary activity by Emerson and the small, loosely associated group of other writers who comprised the movement.

Emanating from Boston and Cambridge and, because of Emerson's presence, from Concord, Transcendentalism also found expression through the writings of Amos Bronson Alcott, Orestes Brownson, William Henry Channing, James Freeman Clarke, Christopher Pearse Cranch, Margaret Fuller, William Henry Furness, Frederic Henry Hedge, Theodore Parker, Eliza beth Palmer Peabody, George Ripley, Henry David Thoreau, Jones Very, and others.

At the beginning of Nature , Emerson posed the question, "The foregoing generations beheld God and nature face to face; we—, through their eyes. Why should not we also enjoy an original relation to the universe?" The importance he placed upon a direct relationship with God and nature derived from the concept of the Over-Soul, described by Emerson in his essay "The Over-Soul" as "that great nature in which we rest ... that Unity within which every man's particular being is contained and made one with all other." The presence of the divine spirit in both nature and the human soul made a direct understanding of God and an openness to the natural world   avenues

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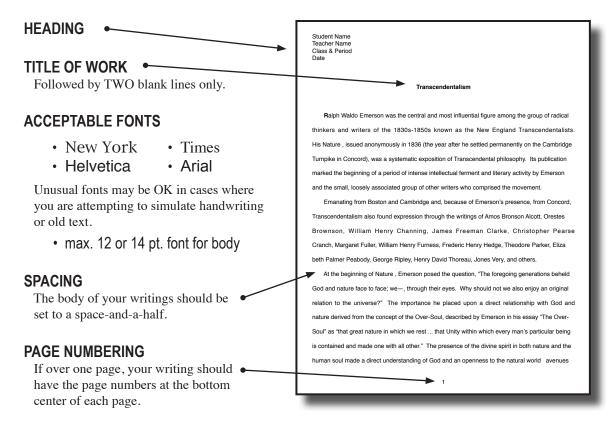# *Technology Concerns*

- Have backup inkjets, toner, and paper at home. No technology-related excuses, short of catastrophic mechanical failure will be accepted ... and then, only with a note.

- Remember that the school does not have Microsoft Word or Powerpoint on most student computers. Therefore, you will need to use Google Docs & Schoology instead.

- If you are planning on doing a computer presentation at school, make sure you test your presentation on the exact machine you plan to use in class at least a full day before your scheduled presentation.

- All Capitols students will need reliable access to the Internet. This can be at home, or at school, or at the public library. This is especially true of the online math content.