Transcendentalism falls under the umbrella of Literary Movements known as Romanticism. This is a shift away from the “Age of Reason.” In Romanticism, imagination and emotion are much more of an influence.

**Transcendentalism -- Top 5 Tenets (Beliefs)**

1. Optimism – Be happy! Life is good.

2. Love of Nature – Appreciating beauty and peace

3. Anti-Society - Not breaking laws, but perhaps questioning

4. Oversoul -- We are part of a bigger plan and have a place in the universe.

5. Individualism—What makes you you? Self-Reliance

*Postcard Assignment - Homework 20 points*

*Find or create a picture for the front of your postcard. You should be able to explain why your picture is transcendental.*

*Write a short note on the back of your postcard:*

*--explain what transcendentalism is in your own words*

*--explain how your picture fits transcendentalism*