

Transcendental Thoughts in Tune Presentation Assignment

Working with a partner, you are to select a song from the list below to examine through the transcendentalist theory. You are to

- find and present as many of the five tenets of transcendentalism that we've been discussing in class within the lyrics
- relate your chosen song to "Nature" (Emerson), "Walden" (Thoreau), or both either directly or thematically
- provide your classmates with the lyrics (either via handout or projection)
- play your chosen song (preferably with lyrics visible) for the class

Oldies/Classics	Pop/Rock	R&B/Rap	New Age/Classical	Country
Otis Redding: "Sitting on the Dock of the Bay"	Madonna: "Rain" and "Respect Yourself"	R. Kelly: "I Believe I Can Fly"	Enya: "Sail Away"	Dixie Chicks: "Wide Open Spaces"
Louis Armstrong: "What a Wonderful World"	Mariah Carey: "Hero"	Tupac Shakur: "Keep Ya Head Up"	Cranberries: "Copy Cat"	Lee Ann Womack: "I Hope You Dance"
Billy Joel: "Just the Way You Are"	Dave Matthews Band: "Cry Freedom"	Destiny's Child: "Survivor"	Tim Janis: "Water's Edge"	Billy Gilman: "Hero"
Frank Sinatra: "My Way"	U2: "Beautiful Day"	Desiree: "You Gotta Be"	Vivaldi: "Four Seasons"	Garth Brooks: "The River" and "We Shall Be Free"
Grateful Dead: "Liberty"	Van Halen: "Dreams"	Jennifer Lopez: "I'm Real"	Yanni: "Rain Must Fall"	Norman Blake: "You Are My Sunshine"
Bob Marley: "Get Up, Stand Up"	Creed: "Higher"	Janet Jackson: "Clouds"	Handel: "Water Music Suite, No.2 for orchestra in D major"	Martina McBride: "Independence Day"
Beatles: "Here Comes the Sun"	Dido: "My Life"	India Arie: "Video"	Modest Mussorgsky: "Night on Bald Mountain, A, for orchestra"	Trisha Yearwood: "Real Live Woman"
Bob Dylan: "Blowin' in the Wind"	Jewel: "Hands"	Jermaine Jackson: "Rise to the Occasion"		Tim McGraw: "Place in the Sun"
Joni Mitchell: "Big Yellow Taxi"	Backstreet Boys: "Shining Star"	En Vogue: "Free Your Mind"		Jo Dee Messina: "Burn"
Three Dog Night: "Joy to the World"	Bon Jovi: "My Life"			Rascal Flatts: "Prayin' for Daylight"
	Vanessa Williams: "Colors of the Wind"			
	Michael Jackson: "Earth Song"			
	Whitney Houston: "One Moment in Time"			
	Sting: "Fields of Gold"			

- Each song may only be used once in each class. Songs will be chosen on a first come, first served basis.
- Any digital presentation must be created on Google slides and shared with Ms. Bard (bard@msbard.com) prior to presentation period. Additionally, any copies needed to be made by Ms. Bard must be submitted the day before the presentation by hand or email (bard@msbard.com)
- Make sure to prepare for your presentation: focus on delivery (speech, posture, eye contact, volume) and readiness (order & delivery of content, shared responsibility of speaking, knowledge of what is to be said)
- This short presentation is worth 25 points - the rubric that will be used for grading each presentation is on the reverse side of this page.

