

# English 631: Figures and Groups

## American Transcendentalism

Time: July 2016 Summer Session

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"I become a transparent eye-ball"



"I sound my barbaric yawp"

Texts:

Emerson: *Nature*, "Self-Reliance," "The American Scholar," "The Transcendentalist"

Dickinson: Selected Poetry

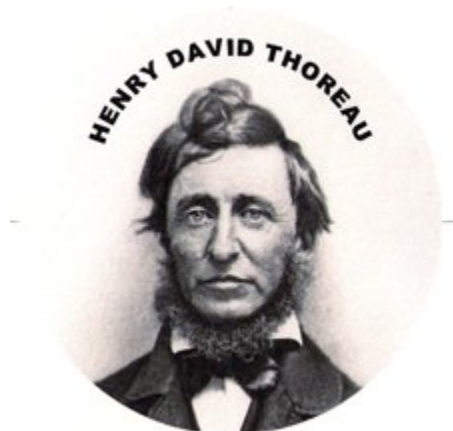
*The Narrative of the Life of Frederick*

*Douglass*

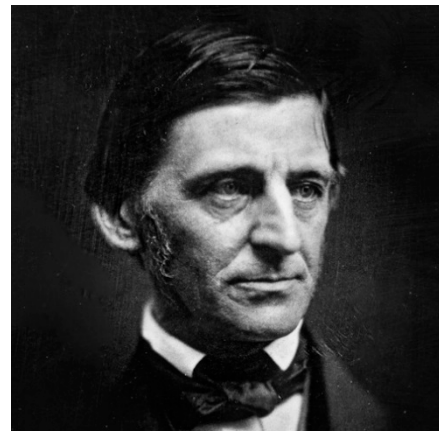
Fuller: *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*

Hawthorne: *The Blithedale Romance*  
Thoreau: "Civil Disobedience" and *Walden*

Whitman: "Song of Myself" and other selections from *Leaves of Grass*



"Books must be read as deliberately and reservedly as they were written."



"We lie in the lap of immense intelligence, which makes us receivers of its truth and organs of its activity."