

Are YOU a Transcendentalist?

Put a check next to statements with which you **AGREE**.

1. ____ I often make decisions based on my intuition or 'gut feeling.'
2. ____ I'm just as happy working with my hands as with my mind.
3. ____ I tend to 'do my own thing' rather than 'going with the crowd.'
4. ____ I think there's more to life than money and material stuff.
5. ____ Given the choice, I'd rather go for a long walk in the woods than sit in a classroom or in church.
6. ____ I believe in God as something beyond the things I can see or touch.
7. ____ It sounds cooler to be part of a *movement* than to be part of the *establishment*.
8. ____ I consider myself well-read; reading is important to me.
9. ____ I enjoy writing poetry.
10. ____ I consider myself a feminist and think that women have equal rights and abilities to those of men.
11. ____ I find Nature to be filled with miracles.
12. ____ If Jesus existed, he was a really wise and good *person* rather than *God* come to earth.
13. ____ I plan on getting a good education at a fine college; Harvard would do nicely.
14. ____ My friends and I sometimes talk about starting a commune of our own, where we'd live off the land and discuss philosophy and nature.
15. ____ I'd be happy to go to jail for protesting injustice or not paying taxes for moral reasons.
16. ____ I think that capitalism has some serious problems.
17. ____ I know that the Dial Club is not about soap.
18. ____ I can picture myself living happily for a year or two in a 10' x 15' shack.
19. ____ My most important work in life will be shaping my character and understanding of the world.
20. ____ I want to live a simple, environmentally sound life. Recycling is my religion.

____ **Total Checks**

0-3 checks: Well, we're not sure what you *are*, but likely not a Transcendentalist.

4-9 checks: Clearly some Transcendentalist ideas have rubbed off on you, maybe here at church.

10-15 checks: You have strong Transcendentalist tendencies. Read Thoreau's *Civil Disobedience*, take a walk outside every day and share your opinions about God with your teachers... and you'll be on your way.

16-20 checks: You are probably a reincarnation of Henry David Thoreau or Margaret Fuller.