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Imagine that this author visited your family for a week. At the end of the week, the author, feeling somewhat appalled, wrote a letter to a friend describing and discussing what they noticed about your lifestyle. Write a one-paragraph version of this letter.

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Imagine that you said to the author – no... That's not reasonable. I can't do that. I don't have the time, space, or desire to turn my life upside down just to satisfy you. Can you suggest something that is a little more reasonable that I could do just to get a small taste of what you are talking about? What would the author say to you in response? (one paragraph)

### transcendentalism project:

due at the start of class on 11/23 on turnitin.com

Your task: plan, implement, and document your own experience with transcendentalism.

- identify one SMALL thing that you could do in the next few days that would satisfy your transcendentalist houseguest.
- do it
- write a SHORT (two pages, max) account of this experience. What inspired it? Make specific connections to the particular author with whom you are engaging. What did you do? How did it go? Will this experience in any way influence your actions moving forward?