

City on a Hill

Home Learning Week 1

All work should be completed by 8AM, Monday, March 23rd

This week, you will have the chance to get started on our new unit, where we will read a large chunk of our most famous neighbor's most famous text. Get ready for some intriguingly modern ideas, some challenging language, and some grumpy but insightful comments on living your best life! We will have the chance to discuss these ideas together when we return, but in the meantime, I want you to revel in the chance that you are getting to be like Thoreau, pondering the complexities of life, in relative solitude. If you have the chance to read or listen to *Walden* outside, even better!

All content and required work can be found in your OneNote Notebook in the section labeled Home Learning – Week 1. Each section has a resource and a task to be completed on the same page.

The Plan

Do Now!!!!

Before you do anything else – turn in your Puritan Essay into OneNote – City on a Hill Notebook/Assessment/Puritan Reading Assessment. It is due TODAY by 3:30.

Then start. . . Transcendentalism and Walden

1. What happened to the Puritans? Read the article in the OneNote called “The Emergence of Transcendentalism” and follow the directions on the OneNote page.
2. Watch the PowerPoint on Transcendentalism and respond to the prompts on this OneNote page.
3. Read Emerson’s “Nature” and respond to the prompts on this OneNote page.
4. Read the first two chapters of *Walden* – “Economy” and “Where I Lived and What I Lived For.”

The book is available here in this OneNote section in both ebook and audio form. If you choose to listen to it, please also read along and annotate. If you would like a

hard copy of the book, you will need to pick it up at the school or order it from Amazon.

5. Summarize each chapter and respond to the prompts for each chapter that is assigned. There is a page for each chapter in the OneNote – in this same section. This is the work that I will be assessing.

Please email me with any questions at smassucco@theparkerschool.org.

I will be checking email daily and will get back to you quickly. Please work on this steadily. Walden is not easy to read, but is well worth the effort. Give it time!