

**City on a Hill**  
**Home Learning – Week 6**  
**To be a City on a Hill**

**All work to be completed by 8 AM, Monday, May 1**

Welcome to Week 6! I hope you had a great vacation!!! This week we will start our final unit. We will be exploring the modern context and implications of John Winthrop's exhortation to be as a "City on a Hill." This metaphor has become a common one in our collective conscious – both as New Englanders and as Americans. This week, we will examine the connections this idea created between the Puritans, the Transcendentalists, and our own time.

All content and required work can be found in your OneNote Notebook in the section labeled Home Learning – Week 6. The Collaboration Discussions are in the Collaboration Space labeled Walden.

Here is this week's plan – with a suggested daily break-down for those of you who like working with a structure.

**Monday**

- Join us for class at 10:30 ready to learn about the new unit and discuss the impact of the Transcendentalists on their time.
- Watch the following movie trailers - "Ghandi" and ""Into the Wild." Find links in the Home Learning Week 6 One Note section.
- Respond to the prompt in the Collaboration Space

**Tuesday**

- Read the excerpts from Emerson's "Self Reliance" and Thoreau's "Civil Disobedience"
- Respond to the prompt in the Collaboration Space

**Wednesday**

- Read, go for a walk, think big thoughts 😊

**Thursday**

- Read the essay from the Gilder Lehman Institute of American History – "Transcendentalism and Social Reform"

- Respond to the prompt in the Collaboration Space

#### Friday

- No Seminar this week – PLPs
- Prepare for a Monday morning Socratic Seminar focused on the question – “What is the legacy of the Puritans and Transcendentalists on our time.” And “What does it mean to be a ‘City on a Hill’ in a modern context?”

As always, email me with questions!!! [smassucco@theparkerschool.org](mailto:smassucco@theparkerschool.org) . If you would like to book a video conference, you can use the Schedule a Meeting tool here :

[Book a Virtual Meeting](#)