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Sublime Thoughts Penny Wisdom: Situating Emerson and Thoreau in the American Market

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Thoreau, Emerson, Whitman—they were all good citizens of the nineteenth century and of the West. In the bulk of their work, all three writers built on native American material and embodied American attitudes, especially the concepts of individualism and self-reliance. Perhaps the most fitting commentary on their relationship to Indian literature was made by Gandhi after reading Emerson’s *Essays*: “The essays to my mind contain the teaching of Indian wisdom in a Western ‘guru’.” It is interesting to see our own sometimes differently fashioned. How to cite this page. (Dr. Leon Jackson American Romanticism: Sublime Thoughts and Penny Wisdom 1). Finally, this is all tied into how Transcendentalism evolved from the feeling of the Romantic period, and why it is, is because of the main founders of Transcendentalism who were also Primary American Romantic authors. Henry David American Transcendentalism Transcendentalism Henry David Thoreau and his friendship with Ralph Waldo Emerson helped form the Transcendental movement which, in turn poets such as Donne, Vaughan and other British authors such as Carly e. Despite his dislike for have placed Thoreau with Emerson, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and Herman Melville as the best authors of the nineteenth century.