**Identifying Transcendentalism in pop culture**

**Directions:**

Explore the materials in the assigned folders (movies/TV, News/Blogs, Comics, and Music). Everything in these folders has some connection to at least one tenet of transcendentalism, and it’s your job to figure out and explain the connection.

The chart below lists 5 main tenets of transcendentalism. Find at least two pop culture examples (from the assigned folders) for each tenet; aim for your examples to come from different pop culture genres (movies/TV, News/Blogs, Comics, and Music). First, identify the example (The “corporate control” comic, Bob Dylan’s song “License to Kill,” Collective Soul’s video for “The World I Know,” etc.), and then write a detailed explanation showing how it expresses transcendental thought. Remember, some of the examples are satirical – the attitude portrayed toward the subject is what matters.

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|  | **Examples** | **Explanation** |
| **Importance of/appreciation of Nature** |  |  |
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| **Non-conformity** |  |  |
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| **Confidence** |  |  |
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| **Free thought/Self-Reliance** |  |  |
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| **Simplicity** |  |  |
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