

USING VISUAL CUES Cut out the flash cards below and study the vocabulary words for this section.

transcendentalism

noun

the belief that people could transcend (rise above) material things in life

Ralph
Waldo
Emerson

proper noun

a transcendentalist who believed that Americans should follow their own beliefs instead of listening to others

Margaret
Fuller

proper noun

editor of the famous transcendentalist journal *The Dial*

Henry
David
Thoreau

proper noun

writer of the famous
transcendentalist book
Walden, who believed
in living simply, away
from society

utopian
communities

noun

groups of people that
tried to form a perfect
society

abstract

adjective

expressing a quality or
idea without talking
about an actual thing

**Nathaniel
Hawthorne**

a New England writer
who wrote the *The
Scarlet Letter* about
Puritan life in the 1600s

proper noun

**Edgar Allen
Poe**

a poet and short story
writer who is famous for
the poem “The Raven”

proper noun

**Emily
Dickinson**

a famous American poet
of the 1800s who wrote
short, thoughtful poems

proper noun

Henry
Wadsworth
Longfellow

proper noun

best-known poet of the mid-1800s who wrote popular story-poems like *The Song of Hiawatha*

Walt
Whitman

proper noun

a famous American poet of the 1800s who praised American democracy in simple, unrhymed poetry