

FYI, the Transcendentalist movement began in America in the mid-1800s in New England. The Transcendentalists "were critics of their contemporary society for its unthinking conformity, and urged that each person find, in Emerson's words, 'an original relation to the universe.' Emerson and Thoreau sought this relation in solitude amidst nature, and in their writing. By the 1840s they, along with other transcendentalists, were engaged in the social experiments of Brook Farm, Fruitlands, and Walden; and, by the 1850s in an increasingly urgent critique of American slavery." (from the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy).