**Chapter Eleven**

**Primary Source Exercise**

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**Reading:**

**Ralph Waldo Emerson, *Self-Reliance* (1841):** <https://emersoncentral.com/texts/essays-first-series/self-reliance/>

*After you have read the primary source listed above (as well as Chapter Eleven, and watched the videos for this module), answer the following questions, based on what you know about American during the Age of Reform, as well as what you know about the early 19th century in America more generally.*

1. To what degree can we see some of the 19th Century Reform movements you learned about reflected in this primary source? What examples can you identify from this source that convey some of these ideas circulating in American society during the 1830s and 1840s?

2. Emerson is considered one of the most famous Trascendentalists but can you find evidence in his writing of the religious revivalism you read about? What are some examples (if any)?

3. Emerson is considered one of the most famous Trascendentalists but can you find evidence in his writing of the communitarian movements you read about? What are some examples (if any)?

4. Emerson is considered one of the most famous Trascendentalists but can you find evidence in his writing of the growing abolitionist movement you read about? What are some examples (if any)?