**Transcendentalism Quote Analyses Dave Nelson**

**One Due 1/16 or 1/21 Spring 2015**

**Two Due 1/28**

**Overview:** Your Quote Analysis papers for Transcendentalism will be very similar to how they were in the fall and on your mid-term exam. The goal of them is to take one quote and analyze it in great detail, then come to an understanding of it from there. These Quote Analyses will require you to pick your own quotes as well as write a more informal, personal paragraph at the end. You will write three of them during January, each about a different author.

**Step 1: Annotate** *(10 points)*

Type up the quote you choose on its own piece of paper. Annotate the quote thoroughly right there on the page (this will be handed in). Identify the key words of the passage. Explore what those words and phrases mean (literally) as well as connote. Get all your ideas down in this step, regardless of whether you think you may use them.

**Step 2 (Paragraph 1): Synthesize** *(40 points)*

Consider how those smaller pieces fit together to shape your understanding of the passage as a whole. In other words, now that you’ve looked at the individual words, what is your interpretation of the entire quote? This paragraph should present an argument and be structured like a formal analytical body paragraph.

**Step 3 (Paragraph 2): Connect** *(40 points)*

Connect what you see in this excerpt with the larger work that it comes from: How does the passage fit with that novel’s larger questions, themes, and concerns? You should bring in another quote to connect the passage to the work that it comes from. This paragraph should also be structured as a formal analytical body paragraph.

**Step 4 (Paragraph 3): Make it Personal** *(10 points)*

What are you drawn to in this quotation? Why is it significant to you? You should embrace the “I” in this section to describe why the passage is meaningful to you. The more specific you are in your explanation the better. This paragraph is the only one that does *not* need to follow formal paragraph style.

**Formatting—**As in the last few papers, you will earn 5 points just for correct formatting. You need your name, the date, your teacher’s name, the assignment, a creative title, double-spacing, and a staple on your final draft. Wow! What easy points!

Please see the back of this sheet for an example of what a well-annotated quote might look like. (You may not use this same quote for one of your papers.)

