

BROYHILL LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER

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ENG 111 EXERCISE

Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_



**PREREQUISITES:**

READ *The Research Process* on the LRC's website -

<http://www.cccti.edu/LRC/tutorial/ResearchTitle.htm>

READ *How to Search KLAS* – <http://www.cccti.edu/LRC/infolit/searchKLAS.pdf>

READ *Introduction to NC LIVE* - [http://www.cccti.edu/LRC/infolit/Intro\\_NCLIVE.pdf](http://www.cccti.edu/LRC/infolit/Intro_NCLIVE.pdf)

READ *Searching the World Wide Web* - <http://www.cccti.edu/LRC/infolit/searchingwww.pdf>

READ *Citation Literacy* - <http://www.cccti.edu/LRC/infolit/Citation%20Literacy.htm>

**BOOKS:**

I. Using KLAS, the LRC's computer catalog (<http://www.klas.com/cccti>), print the catalog card for the biography, Emerson: The Mind on Fire. (Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803-1882, is considered one of America's finest essayists). Attach the print-out to this exercise. Visit the LRC to evaluate this biography.

II. Provide the MLA citation for this source.

Refer to: [http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04\\_c08\\_o.html](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html)

CITATION

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III. SOURCE TYPE – *Read definitions for source types at the end of this exercise.*

Is the writing for Emerson: The Mind on Fire:

Scholarly     Popular     Governmental     Private

IV. CREDENTIALS

For evaluation purposes, read the liner notes, back cover quotes, prefaces, and/or introductions. Based upon the information gathered, why is the author qualified to write this book?

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V. COPYRIGHT

What is the book’s copyright date?

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VI. SUPPORT

Place a check beside the evidentiary support which is included within the book:

Bibliography     Notes Page     Footnotes     Appendices     Research Results

**NC LIVE**

I. Access NC LIVE (<http://www.nclive.org>) and choose the database Academic Search Premier (Path: Browse by Category, Literature and Criticism, Academic Search Premier). Find the article “Emerson’s Natural Theology: John Burroughs and the Church of Latter Day Transcendentalism.” (Tick full-text, use term “Emerson, Ralph Waldo,” limit to academic journals, scroll to article).

II. Provide the MLA citation for the article. Refer to:

[http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04\\_c08\\_o.html](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html)

III. Read <http://us.macmillan.com/author/danielgpayne>. Why is the author qualified to write this article? (experience, background, education)

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IV. Does the article discuss the author's inquiry as to the definition of transcendentalism? \_\_\_\_\_

What is one such definition?

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Where did the author obtain information validating this particular definition?

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V. Give an example of one bibliographic citation within the article supporting the author's contentions (found within notes or bibliography, sometimes called list of works cited).

CITATION



EMERSON'S HOME

## WORLD WIDE WEB

I. Access the World Wide Web. Choose the more reliable search engine Search Edu (<http://www.searchedu.com>). In the search bar, type Emerson and Poetry. Scroll to find the article entitled "*The Aeolian Harp of Ralph Waldo Emerson.*" What is the specific website? \_\_\_\_\_

II. Provide the MLA citation for this website. Refer to:  
[http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04\\_c08\\_o.html](http://www.dianahacker.com/resdoc/p04_c08_o.html)

## CITATION

III. Does the site list an author and his/her credentials? Provide the author's name and a list of credentials.

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IV. Who is sponsoring this site? Is the sponsor reliable?

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V. Check the sponsor type.

edu – educational site       org – non-profit organization       com – commercial

VI. Would you recommend this source for use within a research paper? Why or why not?       Yes       No

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### Source Types

Scholarly – Communication which attempts to analyze a problem or carefully document a time period, an event, or a person’s life. The writing is supported by credible, exacting research and is validated through peer review.

Popular – Communication directed to general audiences for the purpose of entertainment or general information. This type of source capitalizes on a popular topic.

Government – Communication published by a government entity to enhance governmental efficiency or to provide general information for its citizenry

Private – Communication published by either the author or a specialized publisher, shared and disseminated within a select group