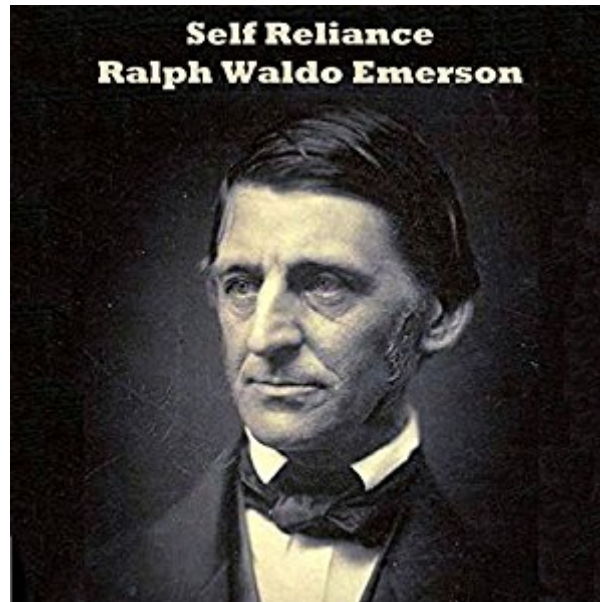




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Must read for American high school students In this day and age. Timeless work of Literature. Emerson and Thoreau our country's Answer to Ancient Greek Philosophers.

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Classic Emerson essays. Thought provoking and well written.

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