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STUDY CIRCLE – FALL 2018

## Visions of America

Meets Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm  
1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara



Diverse expressions of the distinctive visions of America nurtured in American history will be studied in this new season of Study Circle discussions. The ideas and ideals of the Founding Brothers, such as Jefferson, Paine and Franklin will provide a framework for focus on the aims and purposes of the American experiment. The distinctive visions of the Transcendentalists, the Progressive Reformers and the cultural innovators in literature, art and music will be explored. How the development of educational opportunities and civic participation drew out the potential for individual freedom and social progress will be analyzed. The expansion of an inclusive global vision embedded in the promise of American ideals will be evaluated. The concept of “vision” and how these visions have influenced 20<sup>th</sup> century and contemporary society will be identified. The Study Circle will begin in October and continue through December. See website for more detail and list of readings: <http://www.worldculture.org>

### The Transcendental Vision

#### December 4

*Ralph Waldo Emerson on self-reliance. We will read parts of the first half of the essay aloud during the meeting and discuss.*

#### December 11

We will continue with reading Emerson's essay on self-reliance, the second half. We will read parts of the essay aloud during the meeting and discuss.

**The Study Circle will break for the rest of December, returning on January 8<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions on “The Transcendental Vision”.**