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Says - Means - Matters

| In the essay, "Self-Reliance," Ralph Waldo Emerson relies on figures of speech in order to communicate the idea that | | | |
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| | What does the text SAY? | What does the author MEAN? | Why does it MATTER? |
| MAIN IDEA | The author states, | The statement | This is important because |
| Word Choice and Tone | When Emerson states, he develops atone. | This helps the reader | An examination of this line reveals |
| FIGURES OF SPEECH | Emerson describes himself as | In this statement, the author describes | This description communicates that |
| FIGURES OF SPEECH | At the end of the essay, the author states, | In this statement, Emerson means that | This reminds the reader that |

REFLECTION: Emerson's work is filled with memorable aphorisms or short statements that express clever observations about life. Pick your favorite **aphorism** in "Self-Reliance."