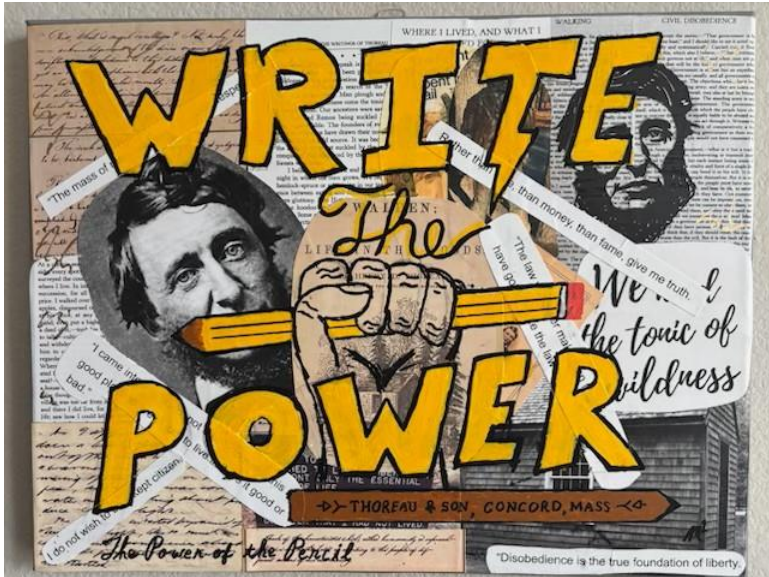


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Write the Power, No. 1 – Thoreau



Artist's statement: “Write the Power” began serendipitously as I sat on the couch listening to music while reading, writing, researching, and sketching an idea synthesizing the worlds of Henry Thoreau and punk rock. The phrase “write the power,” which stems from the Public Enemy’s 1980s song, “Fight the Power,” sprang into my mind with the image of a power salute fist holding a pencil. I envisioned a series of mixed media pieces featuring revolutionary writers, artists, and musicians celebrating the power of language and the written word. This piece is the first one in what I hope will be a large body of work.

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