Self-reliance

**Paper details:**

Ralph Waldo Emerson famously described in his essay “Self-Reliance” what he believed was an essential quality of citizens in the young United States. Explain what Emerson meant by the term self-reliance, and then describe how this definition either reflects or contrasts with the people and events in Rebecca Harding Davis's "Life in the Iron-Mills." What does Davis believe about the pursuit of self-reliance? Does this belief seem to reflect, deny, or alter Emerson’s ideas about the self-reliant American? Be sure in your essay to demonstrate your knowledge of the specific content of both texts, as well as the intentions and/or beliefs of their authors