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trans·fig·ure  (trăns-fĭg yər)

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tr.v. **trans·fig·ured, trans·fig·ur·ing, trans·fig·ures**

1. To change the form or appearance of; transform. See Synonyms at [convert](#).
2. To exalt or glorify.

[Middle English *transfiguren*, from Old French *transfigurer*, from Latin *trānsfigūrāre* : *trāns-*, trans- + *figūra*, form; see **dheigh-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

trans·fig ure·ment *n.*

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