

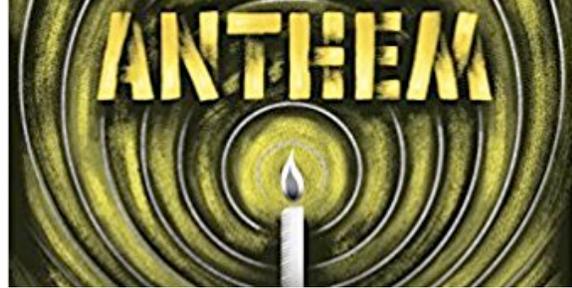
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Ayn Rand Essay Contest: Anthem

Reading Standard 2: Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

Reading Standard 1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.

Writing Standard 1: Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.



Writing Prompts - Choose one of the following:

____ 1. *Anthem* depicts a world of the future, a collectivist dictatorship in which even the word "I" has vanished. Discuss the hero's struggle to free himself from collectivism. What makes his victory possible? In your essay, consider what Ayn Rand has to say in the excerpt titled "The Soul of an Individualist" (link available online) from her novel *The Fountainhead*.

____ 2. In *Anthem*, the City has numerous rules and controls. Why do these exist? What is their purpose? Do you think the society that Equality envisions creating at the end of the story would include any of these rules and controls? Explain why or why not.

____ 3. Contrast Equality's view of morality at the end of the novel to the morality exemplified by his society's institutions, practices and officials. In your essay, consider what Ayn Rand has to say in these excerpts from her writings (link available online).

Contest website: www.aynrand.org/students/essay-contests

Writing Criteria:

- Well-organized multiple-paragraph essay.
- A clear thesis statement (main argument).
- Textual evidence with analysis (quotes must be cited with page numbers in MLA Format).
- Checked for spelling/grammar/mechanics.
- Typed in MLA Format (Times New Roman, 12 point, Double Spaced) in Google Classroom (classroom.google.com).
- Editing/Revision websites: paperrater.com, grammarly.com, hemingwayapp.com

Introducing Quotes/Evidence:

- X states, "_____."
- According to X, "_____."
- In X's view, "_____."

Analyzing/Explaining Evidence:

- In other words, X believes _____.
- In making this comment, X shows us that _____.
- X's point is that _____.

Writing Process:

1. Prewriting/Outline (20 points) Due: _____
2. Rough Draft (40 points) Due: _____
3. Peer-Editing/Revision (20 points) Due: _____
4. Typed Final Draft (100 points) Due: _____