

WORLD HISTORY

FIRST QUARTER ESSAY

Ayn Rand's *Anthem*

Length: 600-1,200 words (2-2.5 Pages Typed / Double-Spaced)

DUE Monday, 2/19

Your first paragraph should include a *clear thesis* that lets the reader know what direction you're taking and summarizes your key points.

Choose *ONE* of the following essay topics below:

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 Soul of an Individualist" excerpt from her novel *The Fountainhead* (This will be made available to you).
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 excerpts from her other writings (this will be made available to you).

Your essay should contain a minimum of 4 in text citations (Page # ONLY).

*Students may receive up to **five (5)** points extra credit for revising their essays and submitting them to the national essay contest ONLY IF 1) the essay is turned in on time, 2) the student receives a grade of B or above, and 3) the student revises their essay to incorporate constructive advice given by the teacher.*

PRE-WRITING

Your first paragraph should include a *clear thesis* that lets the reader know what direction you're taking and summarizes your key points.

*When writing a paper, you should follow the **PEA** formula. **Point. Example Analysis.***

Point- What are you trying to say? Each paragraph should have a "mini-thesis" for the first sentence letting the reader know what you are trying to say in that paragraph.

Example- This is where you tie in content from the book to *illustrate* your point.

Analysis- How does your example support your point? Use this to expand on your point and put *your* voice into the paper.

ESSAY OUTLINE

Name: _____

THESIS: the *main point* of your essay

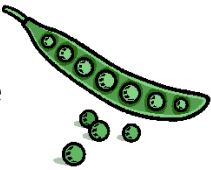
Remember: Your thesis should include a preview of the three main points you intend to make to defend your thesis.

For your body paragraphs, use the PEA method.

Body Paragraph #1:

OK to begin writing: _____
(Teacher Initials)

Point
Example
Aalysis



Point:

Evidence (1-2 pieces of evidence per paragraph):

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Analysis:

Body Paragraph #2:

Point:

Evidence:

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Analysis:

Body Paragraph #3:

Point:

Evidence:

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Analysis: