

**Ayn Rand's Anthem**

Student Guide

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## Day One

### *Chapters 1-2*

<u>Characters</u>	<u>Terms</u>
Equality 7-2521	Collectivism
International 4-8818	Individualism
Liberty 5-3000	Freedom
	Sin

### Questions to Consider

1. Describe the society in *Anthem*. Consider political structure, technology, social relationships, quality of life and education. Would you want to live there? Why/Why not?

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2. Equality states that living past the age of 40 is very unusual. Why do you think life expectancy is so short in this society?

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3. When does the novel take place? Is it past, present or in the future? How do you know?

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4. What is sin? Particularly, what makes an act or a thought sinful?

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## Day Two      *Chapters 3-7*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Find several examples of the ways in which this society tries to obliterate each individual's mind by suppressing personal choices, desires, and values.
  - a) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Of all the motions that are possible to humans (joy, excitement, anger, embarrassment) why is **fear** the prevalent emotion in this society?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. What are some of the beliefs of the Council of Scholars (left column) and how does Equality defy these beliefs (right column)?

a)	
b)	

6. The old lock and lack of guards indicate that no one tries to escape the Council of Detention. Why do you think this is the case?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Identify three (3) reasons why the Council of Scholars rejected Equality's invention.

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why did the Council of Scholars fear Equality's invention?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. What does Equality mean when he says, "We are old now, but we were young this morning"?  
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## Day Three      *Chapters 8-12*

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1. Why do you think Equality laughs when he realizes that he is one of the Damned?

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2. What does the Uncharted Forest represent in the book and how does that meaning change as the story continues?

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3. Liberty says to Equality, "We wish to be damned with you, rather than blessed with all our brothers" (83). Why does she say this? Would you feel the same way?

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4. At the end of the chapter, Equality is comparing and contrasting the morality of his former society. Contrast these values with what he now believes.

**Equality's Old Values**

**Equality's New Values**



5. Upon discovering the Unspeakable Word, Equality calls the word a "god." Why do you think he sees it that way?

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6. What does Equality believe is now the chief goal and purpose of his life?

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