



## Honors English Eleven Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Honors English 11! Next semester, you will be reading a variety of texts that span many different genres (novels, short stories, poetry, fiction, non-fiction) that all relate to the thematic idea of independence. For our opening unit, we will be working with the following essential question: *What is independence?* In preparation for the course and defining/answering this essential question, your assignment is to read Ayn Rand's Anthem over the summer and complete the following as you read:

### Part I: Interesting/Valuable Quotes

Find at least **10** significant quotes that span the entire novella that state something significant about the following narrative elements:

- Setting:** Would you label the main setting/society as independent?
- Characters:** Are the main characters happy with their current lifestyle or are they stuck in a lifestyle they are not happy with?
- Conflicts:** What problems do each of the characters have? How do these conflicts stand in the way of the characters achieving independence?

Cite the page number for all quotes and explain **WHY** you find the quotes interesting or valuable (give extended commentary analysis of at least 1 developed paragraph in length for each quote—avoid using phrases and simple sentences.

Format this section of the assignment as follows:

<i>Quote(include page number)</i>	<i>Explanation of significance (<u>each</u> response must be written using complete sentences in a short paragraph form (roughly 5-7 sentences)</i>

**Remember to have ten significant quotes/passages identified for the span of the entire novella.**

After you read the novella and have identified the significant passages—complete the following:

### Part II: Analytical Written Response—Identifying Author's Purpose

Type a one page double-spaced essay in which you answer the question: *what is independence?* When you are creating your response for this question—consider the following questions:

- Why do individuals seek independence? Does there always have to be something wrong with their current life/living situation?
- Can an individual truly be independent and live in a structured society?



- c. What can possibly stand in the way of someone achieving independence? What role does one's society/community play in preventing someone from achieving independence? What role does one's family life/parents play in preventing someone from achieving independence?
- d. Can someone only be happy when they are truly independent? Is there a difference between being self-satisfied and being independent?

Provide textual support from Anthem focusing on the actions, decisions and overall characterization of the main character of Equality when writing the essay.

**Be certain to type the chart of valuable quotes/passages and the final essay. Bring all typed assignments and your copy of the novella to the first day of class in preparation for a seminar discussion.**