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*Anthem* Essay

Mr. Gathman • English 3

Directions: Choose one (1) of the following essay prompts. Write a 5 paragraph literary analysis. This essay must include a minimum of 3 quotes from *Anthem*. When complete, your essay must be in proper MLA format.

*Prompts:*

1. Equality knows that his invention will benefit mankind greatly. However, this was not his primary motivation for his experiments, and it is not the primary source of the joy and the pride he experiences in his work. What is his primary motivation? Do you think that Equality is right to be motivated in this way? Explain the reasons for your answer. What do you think the world would be like if everyone were motivated in the same way?
2. Why did Ayn Rand name her main characters "Prometheus" and "Gaea"? Compare the historical myths of Prometheus and Gaea to the lives of these two characters.
3. In the final chapter of *Anthem*, Prometheus writes that he now understands "why the best in me had been my sins and my transgressions; and why I had never felt guilt in my sins."  What has Prometheus come to understand about himself?  Why does his society regard the "best in him" as sinful?

*Checklist:*

\_\_\_\_ My Analytical Essay (AE) consists of 5 paragraphs.

\_\_\_\_ My AE contains a minimum of 3 properly cited quotations from *Anthem*.

\_\_\_\_ The introduction contains a hook, reasoning, and a thesis statement.

\_\_\_\_ The thesis statement is both arguable and provable.

\_\_\_\_ Each body paragraph has a transition, topic sentence, evidence, and brief wrap-up.

\_\_\_\_ The evidence is roughly 90% analysis and 10% summary.

\_\_\_\_ All information from the text and other sources is cited properly.

\_\_\_\_ The conclusion restates the topic and thesis, and does not bring up new information.

\_\_\_\_ 1st and 2nd person pronouns are not used (I, you, we, our, etc.).

\_\_\_\_ I have proofread my AE, checking for errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

\_\_\_\_ My AE follows proper MLA format (typed or handwritten):

🡪 Double-spaced, Proper MLA Heading, Times New Roman, 12 point font

\_\_\_\_ I have completed all of the pre-writing work and stapled the papers in the following order:

🡪 Final AE (top), Rubric, Checklist, AE Draft & Peer Edits, Gr. Org.