

English I Honors Entry Reading Project on *Anthem* by Ayn Rand

For the 2020 reading project, students will read *Anthem* by Ayn Rand. Students may purchase a copy or check one out from the local library. Books may be purchased from Half Price Books, Barnes and Noble, Amazon.com, or any other local store that sells books. Students will complete several assignments associated with this book. All portions of your summer project are due by the end of the third week of school. **All writing assignments must be typed in Times News Roman 12pt. font, be double spaced, and have an MLA heading in the top LEFT.**

Assignments

1. Expository Writing: An expository essay is a genre of writing which explains, illustrates, clarifies, or explicates something in a way that it becomes clear for readers.

Read the following quotations:

*"We are one in all and all in one.
There are no men but only the great WE,
One, indivisible and forever." (1.8)*

*"We are nothing. Mankind is all. By the grace of our brothers are we allowed our lives.
We exist through, by and for our brothers who are the State". (1.15)*

Think carefully about the effects of 'We' on the society created in the novel.

Write an essay explaining what might it be like to live in a society where there are no "selves" and "we" has replaced "I." Include examples from the book to support your thinking.

Be sure to clearly state your thesis, organize and develop your ideas effectively, choose your words carefully, edit your writing for grammar, mechanics, and spelling

2. Character Development Project: Choose a dynamic character and find text evidence to incorporate in a visual display to show his/her different character traits. This can be a character drawing or clip art display with quotes incorporated. This can be as small as one sheet of typing paper or as large as life size. There is some creative freedom here.

Summer Reading Project Rubric

Assignment	Points Possible	Points Earned
Expository Writing (Theme): Organization and Progression Development of Ideas Use of Language and Conventions	50	
Character Development: 5 Character Traits Textual Evidence Neatness and Creativity	50	
Total Points Earned:	100	

A Letter from your English I Teachers

We look forward to having you in an English I Honors class next year; however, we want you to understand that Honors English is tons of fun, but it is also a lot of hard work. This course will be intellectually stimulating--encouraging us to explore fascinating questions and ideas that have inspired wonder over the centuries. It will be rich with wonderful books that deserve to be read and reread, rich with probing conversations and thoughtful writing experiences.

The best classes are almost magical for students and teachers alike. They inspire us; they lift us up; they challenge our thinking and touch our hearts. As your English Honors teachers, we will do our best to conjure some magic for you next fall. Meanwhile, we are asking you to experience some of that magic over the summer. In Honors English, you will focus on syntax, close readings, and literary analysis. We will consider historical context as we study poetry, drama, novels, essays, and short stories. It is imperative that you come to class with a willingness to learn.

We are the luckiest teachers in Lockhart ISD because we have the privilege of teaching its finest students. We know that you will succeed in this class. We will have fun, work hard, and gain an ample amount of wisdom and knowledge from each other. Expect to work hard, but also to enjoy yourself, to luxuriate in the fascination and power of great literature.

We can't wait to meet you in August. Have a safe and restful summer and happy reading!