



Conroe High School 2018 English II

Purpose: In Conroe ISD, we encourage all students to read over the summer in order to enrich learning and provoke thought. Summer reading strengthens reading skills, increases academic achievement, fosters a love for reading, and empowers students to become lifelong learners.

Summer Reading Assignment: “Anthem” by Ayn Rand

As you read, please annotate your book for important details and literary devices. If you cannot write in your book, please make notes for each chapter on a separate notebook or sticky notes.

Annotating is extremely important in high school because it helps you focus and keep track of details of the story. While you are reading, use one or more of these strategies below to mark the book and include your thoughts and questions. Please bring novel and your annotations to class the first day of school. There will be many discussions and assignments for this novel throughout the first quarter.

Requirements for annotations:

1. Underline important details (character, setting, conflicts, and figurative language)
2. Write marginal notes to ask questions and write opinions on:
 - Characters
 - Point of View
 - Conflicts
 - Connections to life or history

Suggested annotation strategies:

1. *Star any passages that are important: events or messages about life of humanity.
2. Circle/highlight words that are unfamiliar or make a list of them in the back of the book.
3. Put a question mark by areas that you were confused about or did not fully understand.

Helpful Links:

Amazon: [https://www.amazon.com/Anthem-](https://www.amazon.com/Anthem-AynRand/dp/1503250709/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493905319&sr=1-2&keywords=Anthem)

[AynRand/dp/1503250709/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493905319&sr=1-2&keywords=Anthem](https://www.amazon.com/Anthem-AynRand/dp/1503250709/ref=sr_1_2?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493905319&sr=1-2&keywords=Anthem)

Online pdf: http://www.pagebypagebooks.com/Ayn_Rand/Anthem/

Audio: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=630qCGsRnto&list=PLm-6Q1Cg7iihBVk4bcfWX7PSw0iU->

Assessment:

Make sure to finish all annotations and readings before school begins in the fall. An assessment the novel and annotations will take place within the first week of school.

Annotation Rubric

Excellent:

- The novel has been thoroughly annotated with questions, observations, and reflections of the content as well as the writing; variety of topics marked for discussion; variety of stylistic devices marked.
- Comments demonstrate analysis and interpretation – thinking beyond the surface level of the text. Thoughtful connections made to other texts, life experiences, or other events throughout the text.
- Each chapter has several annotations.

Adequate:

- Text has been briefly annotated with questions, comments, observations, and/or reflections of the content or writing style.
- Commentary remains mostly at the surface level. The commentary suggests thought in specific sections of the text rather than throughout.
- Entries may be sporadic.
- Each chapter has at least one annotation.

Inadequate:

- Text has been briefly annotated.
- Commentary is perfunctory. Little or no attempt to make connections.
- Not all chapters are annotated.
- Only underlined details