*Anthem* Chapter Questions

Please answer the following questions in complete sentences unless otherwise noted, on a separate sheet of white lined paper. You may also choose to type your responses. There are 25 questions in all; each one is worth 4 points.

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| **Reading Assignment** | **Quiz Dates** |
| Chapter I pages 17 – 37 |  |
| Chapter II pages 38 – 51 |  |
| Chapters III – VII pages 52 – 77 |  |
| Chapters VIII – XII pages 78 – 105 |  |

Chapter I

1. Would **you** want to live in this society? Explain why or why not.
2. Ayn Rand intended for Equality to stand out from his “brothers.” Explain how she accomplishes this by contrasting Equality’s physical qualities and character traits with those of his fellow men.
3. Why does the Council of Vocations assign Equality the job of street sweeper? Do you think it is it due to error, incompetence, or a more sinister motivation? Explain.
4. In this chapter Equality 7-2521 states it is very unusual for men to reach the age of 45. Offer a possible explanation as to why life expectancy is so short in his society.
5. At this point in the novel, does Equality accept the moral teachings of his society? If so, why doesn’t he feel shame and remorse when he knows that he’s committing a crime? Find and record at least one piece of textual evidence and page number(s) to support your answer.

Chapter II

1. Reread the account of Liberty 5-3000 on page 38. What character traits are revealed in this brief description?
2. Find an example or two of ways this society tries to obliterate each individual’s mind (and self) by quashing personal choices, desires, and/or values.
3. Of the whole range of feelings possible to man, **why do you think** fear is the prevalent emotion in this society?
4. What word is Equality struggling to recapture on page 49? **In your opinion**, why is mentioning this word the only crime punishable by death in this society?

Chapter III

1. (a) What does Equality discover in this chapter?

(b) How important is this discovery? Describe two to three ways in which it would help his society, and make life easier or more enjoyable.

2. In bullet form, list some of the Council of Scholars’ beliefs, and Equality’s refutation

of those beliefs.

Chapter IV

1. Discuss the appropriateness of Equality’s new name, “Unconquered.”

Chapter V

1. In your opinion, why is Equality so interested in seeing his own image at this point in the novel? What emotion is he feeling?

Chapter VI

1. The old locks and lack of guards in the Palace of Corrective Detention indicate that prisoners never tried to escape. Why not?

Chapter VII

1. Outline, in bullet form, four of the Council’s reasons for rejecting Equality’s invention.
2. What are the real reasons behind the Council’s rejection and fear of the gift?
3. What does Equality mean, at the beginning of the chapter, when he says on page 68, “We are old now, but we were young this morning.”

Chapter VIII

1. What is Equality experiencing for the first time in this chapter, and what does he feel as a result?
2. Explain why Equality laughs when he remembers that he is “the Damned.”
3. What does the Uncharted Forest symbolize in *Anthem*?

Chapter IX

1. In this chapter, Equality questions the morality of his former society. Contrast what he was previously taught about solitude, good, evil, and joy with what he now believes.

Chapter X

1. Describe the house and its contents **in your own words**, and explain why Liberty and Equality find it so strange and unique.

Chapter XI

1. What great discovery does Equality make in this chapter?
2. What does Equality now realize is the proper goal and purpose of his life?

Chapter XII

1. (a) Why do the main characters take the names Prometheus and Gaea? Why weren’t they allowed to choose their names in old society? (b) What does Prometheus plan to do in the future?