

Hebron High School
English I Pre-AP/LEAP Summer Reading Project
2009-2010

Students enrolled in English I Pre-AP/LEAP are required to read and study one novel this summer. Students should return to school in August ready to test and participate in detailed discussions and activities over the following text:

Anthem by Ann Rand

(This dystopian futuristic novel tells the story of one man's rebellion against a totalitarian society.)

Each student should be prepared to discuss the extent to which institutions both shape and challenge an individual's identity. Through this text, the theme of identity formation and influences will be introduced and discussed in various works throughout the year.

The student should keep the following literary elements in mind as they annotate the text:

- Setting
- Character
- Point of view/structure/style
- Symbolism
- Allusions (a reference to a statement, person, place, event, or thing known from literature, history, religion, myth, politics, or some other field of knowledge)
- Elements of dystopian novels
- Theme
- Onomastics (in this case, observing the importance and significance of names)

The student will annotate the text using his or her own system. It is recommended that the student use a variety of annotative methods, such as highlighting, "post-it" noting, marginal note writing, underlining, bracketing, and so forth.

Students are encouraged to read the text for enjoyment; in addition, we strongly encourage them to analyze and review the novel for its literary merit before the beginning of the school year in order to refresh their memory.

Any student who is unable to obtain the books may contact Ms. Villarreal, Ms. Kennedy, or Mr. Willard to make arrangements to borrow a copy of the novel. Please do so before the end of the school year.

Students who have questions should feel free to e-mail any of the following teachers this summer:

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