Below is a list of recommended readings for instructors who are interested in using Ayn Rand’s books and essays in the classroom. Introductory (BEG) and advanced (ADV) articles are arranged by topic, with difficulty level referring to the level of familiarity with Rand’s books and philosophy assumed by the selection. All selections are by Ayn Rand unless otherwise indicated.

**IMPORTANCE OF PHILOSOPHY**
“Philosophy and Sense of Life,” *The Romantic Manifesto* (BEG)
“For the New Intellectual,” *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

**ETHICS**

**Egoism and Altruism**
Introduction to *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)
“The Soul of an Individualist,” *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)
“The Objectivist Ethics,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (ADV)
“The Ethics of Emergencies,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (ADV)
“The ‘Conflicts’ of Men’s Interests,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (ADV)
“This Is John Galt Speaking,” *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

**Abortion**
“Of Living Death,” *The Voice of Reason* (BEG)
“The Age of Mediocrity,” *The Objectivist Forum* (BEG)

**Justice**
“How Does One Live a Rational Life in an Irrational Society?,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)
“The Cult of Moral Grayness,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

**POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY/SOCIOECONOMIC THEORY**

**Rights**
“Man’s Rights,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)
“Collectivized ‘Rights,’” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)
“This Is John Galt Speaking,” *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

**Government**
“The Nature of Government,” *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

**Capitalism**
“The Moral Meaning of Capitalism,” *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)
“What Is Capitalism?,” *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (ADV)
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Capitalists and Industrialists
“America’s Persecuted Minority: Big Business,” Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal (BEG)
“The Sanction of the Victims,” The Voice of Reason (BEG)
“The Martyrdom of the Industrialists,” For the New Intellectual (ADV)
“For the New Intellectual,” For the New Intellectual (ADV)

Business and Economics
“The Meaning of Money,” For the New Intellectual (BEG)
“From Each According to His Ability, to Each According to His Need,” For the New Intellectual (BEG)
“Notes on the History of American Free Enterprise,” Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal (ADV)
“The Property Status of Airwaves,” Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal (ADV)
“Patents and Copyrights,” Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal (ADV)
“Antitrust: The Rule of Unreason,” The Voice of Reason (ADV)
“The Inverted Moral Priorities,” The Voice of Reason (ADV)
“Egalitarianism and Inflation,” Philosophy: Who Needs It (ADV)

War
“The Roots of War,” Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal (BEG)

Individualism and Collectivism
“The Soul of an Individualist,” For the New Intellectual (BEG)
Textbook of Americanism
“Collectivized Ethics,” The Virtue of Selfishness (BEG)

Racism and Multiculturalism
“Racism,” The Virtue of Selfishness (BEG)
“Global Balkanization,” The Voice of Reason (BEG)

Environmentalism
“The Anti-Industrial Revolution,” Return of the Primitive: The Anti-Industrial Revolution (BEG)

“Conservatives” and “Liberals”
“The Intellectual Bankruptcy of Our Age,” The Voice of Reason (BEG)
“The Left: Old and New,” Return of the Primitive: The Anti-Industrial Revolution (BEG)
“Conservatism: An Obituary,” Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal (BEG)

Free Speech and Censorship
“Censorship: Local and Express,” Philosophy: Who Needs It (BEG)
“Man’s Rights,” The Virtue of Selfishness (BEG)

RELIGION
“Of Living Death,” The Voice of Reason (BEG)
“This Is John Galt Speaking,” For the New Intellectual (ADV)

EPISTEMOLOGY
Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology (ADV)
“For the New Intellectual,” For the New Intellectual (ADV)

METAPHYSICS
“This Is John Galt Speaking,” For the New Intellectual (ADV)
Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology: Chapter 6 (ADV)
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ART AND ESTHETICS
“Art and Sense of Life,” The Romantic Manifesto (BEG)
“The Psycho-Epistemology of Art,” The Romantic Manifesto (BEG)
“Art and Cognition,” The Romantic Manifesto (ADV)

Literary Esthetics
“Basic Principles of Literature,” The Romantic Manifesto (BEG)
“What Is Romanticism?,” The Romantic Manifesto (ADV)
“The Esthetic Vacuum of Our Age,” The Romantic Manifesto (ADV)
“Bootleg Romanticism,” The Romantic Manifesto (ADV)
The Art of Fiction

Philosophy in Film
We the Living movie
The Fountainhead movie

FICTION/LITERATURE
We the Living (BEG)
Anthem (BEG)
Three Plays (BEG)
The Fountainhead (BEG)
Atlas Shrugged (ADV)
The Early Ayn Rand (ADV)

American Literature
Anthem (BEG)
The Fountainhead (BEG)

Atlas Shrugged (ADV)

American Playwrights
Three Plays (BEG)

Literature and Film
We the Living (BEG)
“Red Pawn,” The Early Ayn Rand (BEG)
The Fountainhead (BEG)
We the Living movie (BEG)
The Fountainhead movie (BEG)

Utopian and Dystopian
Anthem (BEG)

Anti-Totalitarianism
Anthem (BEG)
We the Living (BEG)
“Red Pawn,” The Early Ayn Rand (BEG)
Atlas Shrugged (ADV)

NONFICTION WRITING
The Art of Nonfiction (ADV)

BIOGRAPHICAL
Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life movie
Facets of Ayn Rand by Charles and Mary Ann Sures
Ayn Rand by Jeff Britting