

# Our New Class

“A dawn of togetherness”



# New Way to Educate

- New Creation
  - Under power of Federal Dept. of Education
    - Experimental organization
      - Called “The Council of Scholars”
- Goal
  - Increase success of schools
  - Everyone is educated

# Experiment

- The Council of Scholars – idea
- Longfellow chosen as a test school
  - I was chosen as a test class
- Change
  - Change way to teach
  - Change way to act
  - Change way to learn
- Just for this unit
- Drastically different than anything you (or I) have been a part of
  - I, Longfellow and our society thank you

# New Rules

- Seated in columns and rows
- No one has a name
  - Titles given by parents
    - Unfair – some are better than others
    - All equal
  - From now on you have a number
    - Numbers are not discriminatory
    - Based on row and seat

# New Rules

- Grades
  - There are no grades
    - Arbitrary
    - Unfair – why should one person be better than another?
  - We will all learn from each other
  - Teach others according to your intelligence and learn according to your needs
  - Any grades will be an average of the class

# New Rules

- Laws of the class
  - You may speak when spoken to by a member of the Council of Learning
  - You may stay in your seat at all times
  - You may do whatever a member of the Council of Learning tells you to
    - Violations of these laws will impact everyone
  - Everything which is not permitted by the law of the class is not allowed.

# Discussion - Which is it?

Is your purpose in life that of trying to do what makes you happy and fulfilled...(your chosen career, where you want to live, etc.)

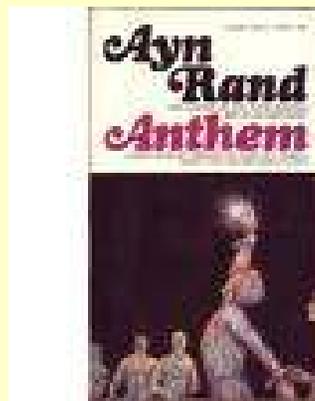
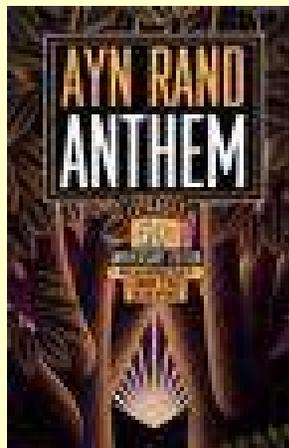
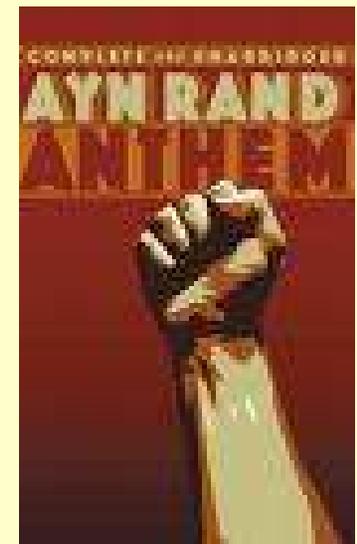
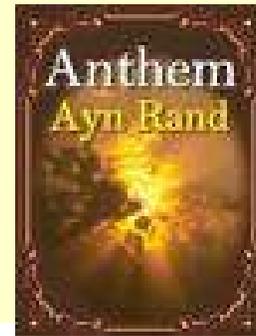
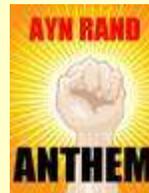
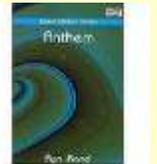
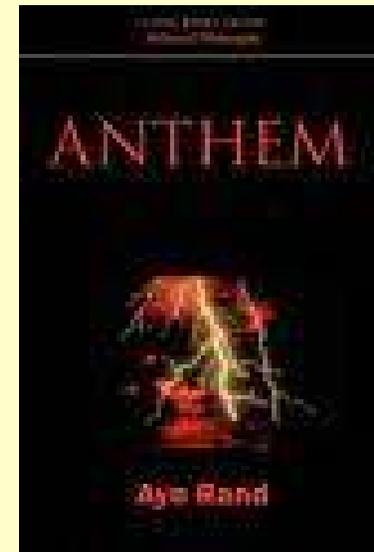
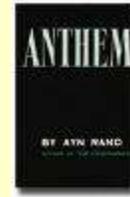
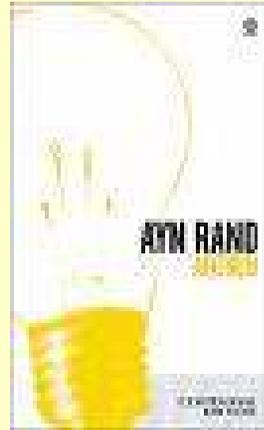
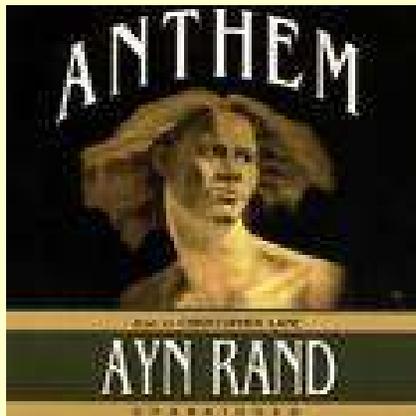
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# New Mini-unit

- Read a novella (short novel) called “Anthem”
  - By Ayn Rand (pronounced Ine Rand)
    - Immigrated to US from Russia in 1926
    - Most famous work is “Atlas Shrugged”
    - Died in 1982
  - Written in 1937
  - Cultural References
    - “Simpsons” Episode called “A Streetcar Named Marge” has an “Ayn Rand school for Tots” that Maggie goes to.
    - Rock band Rush song “2112 Overture” uses lines from “Anthem”
- Reading during class
  - Homework are questions from packet
  - Begin each class with those questions
  - Full text/Downloadable version online – check my homework page



# As should now be obvious...

The new teaching “method”...was just a hoax...

But a hoax with a purpose...what was I driving at – what was I doing?

What was our “new” class set up?

“...and if you are not needed by your brother men, there is no reason for you to burden this earth...” - *taken from “Anthem”*

Collectivism – what you do should be based on what is best for others...your purpose is to serve others without any care for your wants or desires. Being “altruistic”, but someone else tells you how to be...

Examples: Socialism, Communism, Totalitarianism, Marxism, Fascism, “Anthem” society

“...endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...”

*~ Declaration of Independence (1776)*

Individualism – The idea that each person has a right to do what they want without any rule about caring about someone else. Not anarchy...

Can you think of examples of this type of society?

A society that puts equality...ahead  
of freedom will end up with neither  
equality nor freedom.

~ Milton Friedman (20<sup>th</sup> century Economist)

# Discussion Part II- Which is it?

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