**Anthem Literary Analysis**

**Directions: For our first novel, we are focusing on the following: Characterization, Theme, and Objective Summarization. Complete the following as you read the novel (exceptions: #1 and #3 specifically state to wait until finishing the entire novel before answering). Due Dates are listed below.**

1. **Dynamic Characters:** After finishing the novel, write a short paragraph detailing the growth and development of each of our two major characters, Equality/Prometheus and Liberty/Gaea.
2. **Author’s Craft and Real-World Connections:** Answer each of the following literary analysis questions in a well-organized, detailed paragraph. USE EXAMPLES FROM THE TEXT to emphasize your points.
   1. What are the differences between this society and my own?
   2. Why are interpersonal relationships (friendship or romance) forbidden by this society? Why are personal relationships important to have?
   3. Why does The Council of Scholars reject Equality’s gift? How does their rejection help Equality understand and free himself from his collectivist society?
   4. Usually villains are characters who satisfy their own needs and self-interests. Is Equality a hero or a villain?
   5. For the following quotation from Anthem, explain its meaning in the story and its wider significance: “The word ‘We’…crushes all beneath it, and that which is white and that which is black are lost equally in the gray of it.”
   6. Prometheus says that “to be free, a man must be free of his brothers.” By reference to the story, explain what Prometheus means by freedom and why he values it. In what significant ways is freedom non-existent in the society from which he escapes—and what are the consequences of that lack of freedom?
3. **Objective Summary:** After finishing the novel, write a one-two paragraph objective summary of the entire text.

**Reading Calendar and Due Dates**

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| **September 14** | **September 15** | **September 16** | **Thurs., September 17** | **Fri., September 18**  Anthem: Author’s Forward – Ch. 1, Part 1 (pg. 28) |
| **September 21**  **BENCHMARK 1**  **Finish Chapter 1** | **September 22**  Anthem: Ch. 1-2 (28-51 | **September 23**  NO SCHOOL | **September 24**  Anthem: Ch. 3-6 (52-67) | **September 25**  Anthem: Ch. 7-9 (68-87) |
| **September 28** | **September 29**  Anthem: Finish Book | **September 30**  Introduce group project | **October 1**  Work on paper and group project  **All other questions due by end of school** | **October 2**  **Annotations due**  Work on paper and group project |
| **October 5**  **Rough draft of paper due** | **October 6**  **Project presentations** | **October 7**  **Project Presentations** | **October 8**  Start Oedipus | **Final draft of paper due** |