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Directed Research
Building Background Knowledge: *Anthem* by Ayn Rand

1. Go to the Online Database page by typing the following into the web browser:
gowyld.net
2. Under “**Browse All Resources**,” click on the letter “**G**.”
3. Click on “**Gale Virtual Reference Library**.”
4. Scroll down. Under “**Literature**,” click on “**Twayne’s Authors Series**.”
5. Scroll down through the A’s, and click on “**Ayn Rand, 1987**.”

Follow the directions to complete the answers; this will help you learn more about Ayn Rand and her philosophy.

1. Click on “**Preface: The Woman**.” Read the preface and fill in the blank from one of the paragraphs:

Just as she once wrote that “ _____,
_____,” so it
can be said that Ayn Rand was a woman who had and still has no
_____.

It is my hope that this volume will clearly detail _____,
_____, _____ and _____
that earned Rand _____ and _____,
_____.

2. Click on “**Table of Contents**” at the top. Click on “**Chronology**.”

What was Ayn Rand’s birth name? _____
When and where was she born? _____
When did Rand come to America, and what did she do for a
living? _____
Ayn Rand married _____ in _____.
When did she write *Anthem*? _____

3. Click on “**Table of Contents**” at the top. Click on “**The Life and Times of Ayn Rand.**” Click on “**Introduction**” and “**Russia**” and read those sections.

Politically, what was going on while Rand lived in Russia? _____

What were Rand’s religious beliefs, and why did she hold these beliefs?

4. Click on “**Table of Contents**” at the top. Click on “**The Themes and Theories of Ayn Rand.**”

Objectivism is Ayn Rand’s philosophy. What is it? _____

Skim the “Rationalism” section, and fill in the blanks from one of the paragraphs:

For Rand _____ stands as the foundation of all

_____.

Under the “Hero” section, the article states that for Ayn Rand, a hero is someone who _____.

Did Ayn Rand believe in Capitalism? _____ Specifically, what did she believe? _____

What is Rand’s definition of Collectivism? _____

How does she feel about Collectivism? _____

5. Click on **“Table of Contents”** at the top. Click on **“Ayn Rand’s Defenders and Accusers.”**
Click on **“Postscript: The Writer.”**

Choose five ways that Ayn Rand will be remembered:

1.

2.

3.

4.

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