



# ANTHEM

Ayn Rand

# More information to research...

- ◎ Define these terms:
  - Collectivism
  - Individuality
  - Conformity
  - Equality
- ◎ What do these terms have to do with *Anthem*?



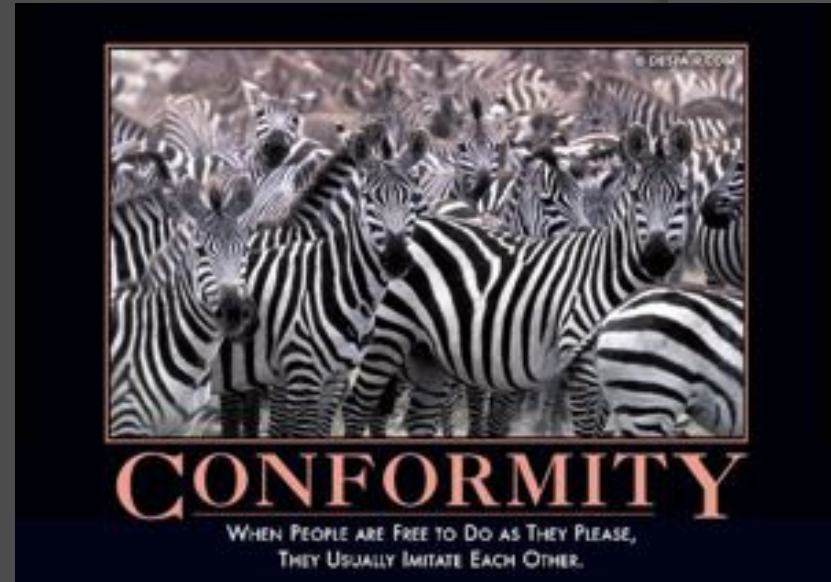
What's going on while Rand is writing *Anthem*?

How does culture affect literature?

# Themes in *Anthem*

- Collectivism
- Individualism
- Conformity
- Equality

MAKE  
EQUALITY  
REALITY



What other works (books, movies, comics, etc.) can you think of with these types of themes?

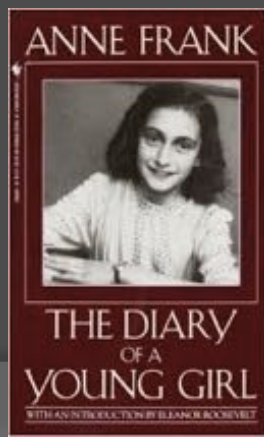
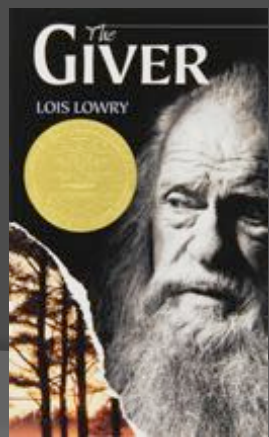


# Collectivist Example





# Individualist Examples



# Songs about individuality

- Lady Gaga – Born this Way
- Pink – Raise your Glass
- Eminem – Real Slim Shady
- Mary J. Blige – Take me as I am

# Songs about Rising Above

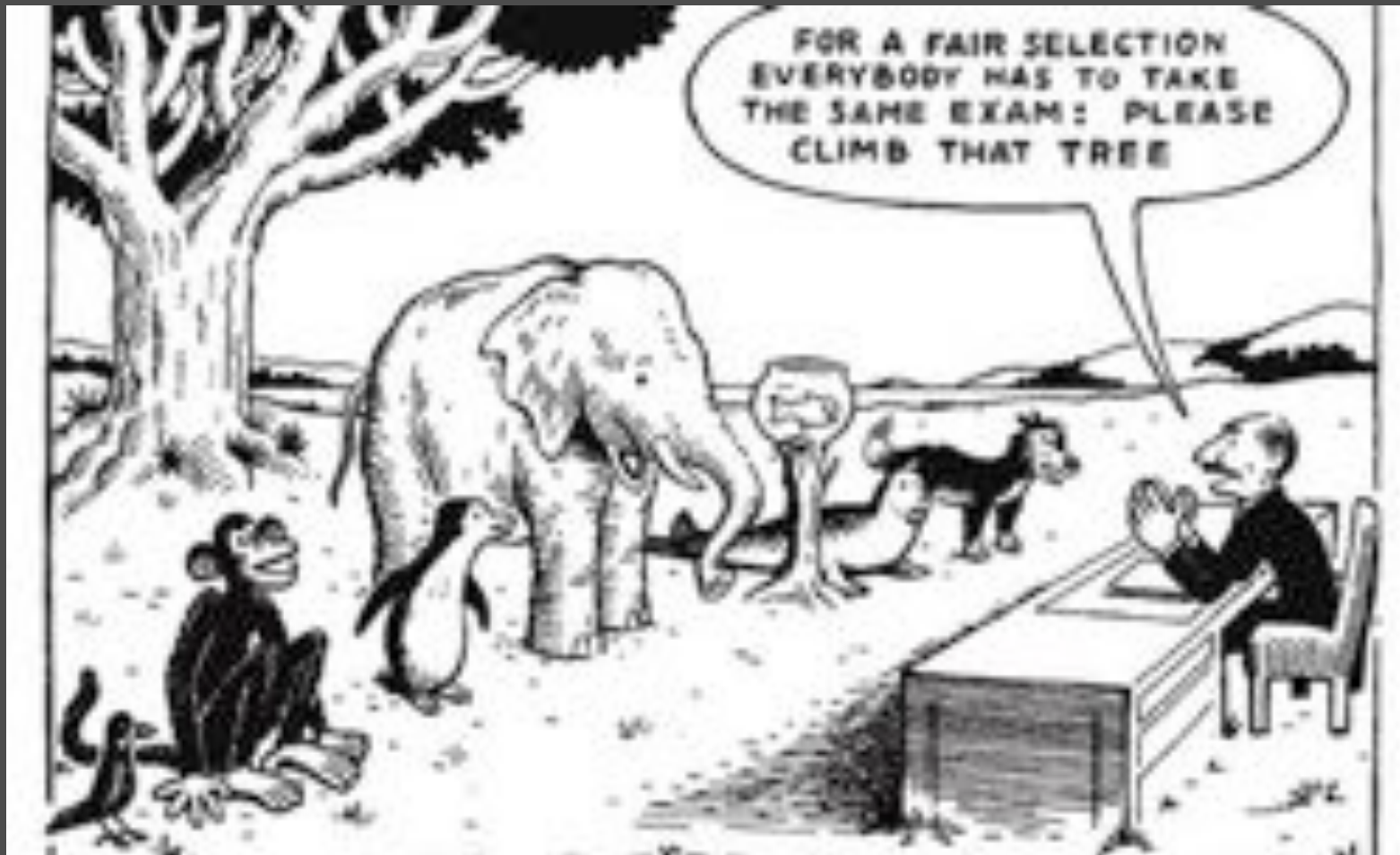
- Rachel Platten - Fight Song
- Niki Minaj – Moment for Life
- David Guetta - Titanium
- Drake – Forever
- TI – Live your Life
- Rascal Flatts – Unstoppable

# Protest Against Conformity Example





# Equality Example



# Bell Ringer – March 10 & 11

- In your notebooks, write at least 3 sentences detailing what you know about the book, *Anthem*, so far.



# Bell Ringer – March 31

1. Grab your assigned book from the shelf.
2. Write down 5 things you remember from the first part of Chapter 1.





# Your New Life...

- Your name & identity has been taken away.
- You have no family & friends.
- You have been assigned a mindless job.
- You can only talk to the people with whom you share a job.
- You are to give up all things that make you unique.

# While reading...

- Take notes on the information in Chapter 1 to answer these two questions:
  1. What evidence do we have so far that this book takes place in a collectivist society?
  2. How is Equality 7-2521 different from his brothers? Why might this be bad?

**Answer on paper you will turn  
in - eventually**

# Chapter 3 – 6 Questions

1. What might the light that Equality discovers represent or be symbolic of?
2. Why might Equality have been forbidden from seeing his image?



# Chapter 7 & 12

- Why is the World Council of Scholars angry with Equality for creating light?
- Why is the word that unites us all “ego”?

# Bell Ringer – April 3 & 4

- Write down 3 questions concerning the book or story of *Anthem*.

# Journal #1

- It has been a week since your identity was removed.
  1. What do you miss most about your old life?
  2. How is your new world different?

Provide your responses in a “journal.” Make a creative cover. You can draw answers when appropriate.



# Journal # 2

- ◎ You have been forbidden to use the word “I,” and you must instead use the word “we” in it’s place.
  - How does that make you feel?
  - What does this change for you?

# Journal # 3

- ◎ You have decided to escape and reclaim your individuality.
  - Why have you decided to go off on your own?
  - What is so awful about living this way that would cause you to risk your life?
  - Do you really have anything to lose?

# Reminder on Theme vs. Topic

- Collectivist
- Individualism
- Conformity
- Equality
  
- A theme must be a *life lesson* about the theme topic.
  - Love conquers all
  - Example: Determination
    - To one who is determined, every problem is an opportunity to succeed