The Historical and Ideological Context (research paper)
W7 Research to Build and Present Knowledge (inquiry)
W2A Informative Writing (organizing)
W8 Research to Build and Present Knowledge (sources and citation)

In order to fully understand Anthem, one must understand the ideological conflicts of the 20th century. Further, one should understand Rand’s point of view based on her life experiences.

Conduct a research project to analyze the historical and ideological context of Anthem. You will be graded on how well you research topics, organize your findings / make connections, and demonstrate MLA citation.

Conduct research: (topics to get you started)
- The Dark Ages
- 20th-century ideological conflicts
  - Fascism
  - Communism
  - Capitalism
- Ayn Rand’s life story
- The Red Scare
- The Cold War
- Cold War propaganda
- The Russian Revolution
- The Soviet Union under Stalin
- How communism works

RESEARCH TEMPLATE

Organize your ideas into an informative essay:

- **Introduction**: Create interest, state the topic / main idea, and preview the body.
- **Body** (Each body section is one or more paragraphs on a subtopic. If any subtopic section is more than one paragraph, consider using section headings.)
  - Section 1 subtopic: _________________________________________________
  - Section 2 subtopic: _________________________________________________
  - Section 3 subtopic: _________________________________________________
  - Additional sections (optional):_________________________________________

- **Conclusion**: Restate main idea, review the body, and make a connection.

Cite sources properly in MLA format (in-text citations and a works cited page). Including in-text citations is not difficult:

- The main concern for Americans was “_________________________” (Phillips 43).
- The Policy Institute explains, “_________________________” (“Finding Exception”).
- An example of this is when Equality says, “_________________________” (Rand 76).
- Rand sees Liberty as “_________________________” (37).

Notes: You do not need to repeat information if it is already in the sentence. You should also include citation when paraphrasing a specific part of a source.