Special Projects – Anthem by Ayn Rand

Choose one project from the list below, and complete it as part of our study

of Ayn Rand’s novella, Anthem. These are either individual projects or

projects completed by working in pairs only. Each project will be presented

in class.

1. Design a brochure which advertises the “old” setting in Anthem as an ideal

place to live. The information should attract prospective residents. Include

social institutions, rules, laws, and beliefs. The brochure should include both

persuasive writing and appropriate visuals. (Individual or pairs)

2. Create a city map, a flag, and one of the following: a constitution, a Bill of

Rights, or a national anthem (for the “old” or “new” settings. The constitution or

Bill of Rights should be at least 200 words. The national anthem should be set

to a tune. You may prerecord the song and play it back in class or sing the

anthem in class. (Individual or pairs)

3. Create a board game of the book. Be sure to include rules (at least 25) and

game pieces. Think of games such as “Monopoly” and “Life” when creating this

original game.

(Individual or pairs)

4. Look at popular music CD covers. Create a CD cover of your own design for

your “virtual” sound track of Anthem. Design the complete CD insert which

includes album notes (at least 25 lines), a summary of the book, a brief

biography of the author, and anything else found on a CD insert. (Individual)

5. Write the “missing scene” from Chapter 1 in which the Council of Vocations is

deliberating Equality’s future profession. Are any of the Council members

sympathetic to Equality? If so, would they dare to voice their opinions? Reveal

the Council’s true motives in assigning Equality the job of street sweeper in this

writeup of at least 200 words. (Individual)

6. Write a factual newspaper article about Prometheus’ escape from jail, his

surprise appearance at the World Council of Scholars, and his flight into the

Uncharted Forest. Then, write an opinionated editorial about the same events,

written by one of his “brothers.” Factual newspaper article and editorial together

should be at least 200 lines. (Individual)

Point Value: 200 points