

*Anthem* Socratic Seminar

1. In what ways does Equality's society reflect our modern day experience?
2. How does the lack of first person pronouns influence the character's ability to speak and think?
3. Who is the speaker of the story? What is unique about this speaker? What do we gain by hearing the story from this perspective? What do we lose?
4. Why is preference such an evil in this society? How does it lead Equality to act?
5. What do the names in this story represent? Consider both the names the characters are given and the names Equality and the Golden One choose at the end of the novel.
6. What is more important, collectivism or individualism? Why?
7. Why is fear the most prevalent emotion in this society?
8. What does the lightbulb symbolize? Why is it the technology that Equality discovers?