



Anthem Quote Analysis

Select **ONE** of the quotes highlighted in blue below and provide context and blend/cite the quote as we have practiced. For the analysis, there is no specific prompt. Your job is to discuss the importance of the quote – why is it critical to understanding the novel? The new skill is to make meaning of the text on your own, rather than relying on the prompt to indicate what is important. You can draft your thinking here, but will submit your answer in a text box on Canvas.

Use the sample as a guide in terms of what to say and how much to say!

Sample

Quote: “This is our wonder and our secret fear, that we know and do not resist.” Page 18

Context: Locate the quote in the text – 2+ sentences

When Equality 7-2521 first introduces himself, he is in his secret tunnel. One fact he shares is that he was born with a curse that is criticized by the Teachers and Leaders. The curse he describes is that he has forbidden thoughts and wishes.

Quote: Blend with context + signal phrase and cite correctly – 1 sentence

Equality 7-2521 believes he is powerless, expressing that “This is our wonder and our secret fear, that we know and do not resist” (18).

Analysis: Explain what the quote shows and why it is important – 3+ sentences

When Equality 7-2521 describes himself, he is aware of his curse, and recognizes that the real problem is that he does not resist it. This realization demonstrates that he understands the expectations of the society and why he does not fit in. He acknowledges that he is willfully going against the rules by saying that he knows and does not resist his forbidden thoughts. In understanding him as a protagonist, this is critical because it shows that he is not misled, mistaken, or unsure about the consequences of his actions – that he is going to continue to take risks.

Quote: “You are not one of our brothers Equality 7-2521, for we do not wish you to be.”

“No,” we answered, “nor are you one of our sisters.” Page 43

Context: Locate the quote in the text – 2+ sentences

Quote: Blend with context + signal phrase and cite correctly – 1 sentence

Analysis: Explain what the quote shows and how it links to the prompt – 2+ sentences

Quote: “There was only joy in them, and pride, a pride holier than it is fit for human pride to be.” Page 51

Context: Locate the quote in the text – 2+ sentences

Quote: Blend with context + signal phrase and cite correctly – 1 sentence

Analysis: Explain what the quote shows and how it links to the prompt – 2+ sentences