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In my class, we focus on propaganda - what is it, and how to recognize it in use. I am apolitical in my focus. We analyze the novel for the use of propaganda within it. Kids can take either side, just as long as they understand the purpose of the novel. In a perfect world, they will take this lesson and use it to recognize propaganda in our current world.

Valerie

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Thank you for getting back to me so quickly. I know the other teachers use the lesson plan and study guide for Anthem that are created (to produce the maximum effect of influencing young minds to adopt "objectivism") by ARI (The Ayn Rand Institute) [www.aynrand.org](http://www.aynrand.org). I was wondering if you will be using their lesson plan and questions or will you be creating your own? I'm not trying to get you into an uncomfortable situation, but I just wanted you to know that since December of 2020 my husband and I along with a couple other GP parents are in the process of trying to get this book removed, since it was never approved by the SSD or the school board. According to our public records requests from the SSD, it never went through any committee approval process or community review and was never even looked at by the school board. If anyone tells you this novel and study materials have been approved they are mistaken. This is not an assault on free speech or the first amendment because all of us parents who are trying to get Anthem removed from the curriculum have no problem with this book being in the school library for students to read if they so choose.

Thanks for your time,  
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Yes, my students, this year, will be reading Anthem at the end of the school year. Normally, I do not, but in this school year, because of the lack of school days, I chose this smaller text over a much longer and more problematic novel.

Valerie Browning

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Hi I currently have a freshman at GP and I was told that 3 out of the 4 freshman english teachers are teaching the book Anthem. I was just curious if your class reads this book?

thanks,  
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