

# Anthem

# Our New Class

“A dawn of togetherness”



# New Way to Educate

- New Creation
  - Under power of Federal Dept. of Education
    - Experimental organization
      - Called “The Council of Scholars”
- Goal
  - Increase success of schools
  - Everyone is educated

## Experiment

- ❖ The Council of Scholars
- ❖ Terre Haute South has been chosen as a test school
- ❖ Change
  - ❖ Change the way to teach
  - ❖ Change the way to act
  - ❖ Change the way to learn
- ❖ Just for this unit
- ❖ Drastically different from anything we have done
  - ❖ I, Terre Haute South, and the state of Indiana  
thank you

# New Rules

- Seated in columns and rows
- No one has a name
  - Titles given by parents
    - Unfair – some are better than others
    - All equal
  - From now on you have a number
    - Numbers are not discriminatory
    - Based on row and seat

# New Rules

- Grades
  - There are no grades
    - Arbitrary
    - Unfair – why should one person be better than another?
  - We will all learn from each other
  - Teach others according to your intelligence and learn according to your needs
  - Any grades will be an average of the class

# New Rules

- Laws of the class
  - You may speak when spoken to by a member of the Council of Learning
  - You may stay in your seat at all times
  - You may do whatever a member of the Council of Learning tells you to
    - Violations of these laws will impact everyone
  - Everything which is not permitted by the law of the class is not allowed.

# As should now be obvious...

The new teaching “method”...was just a hoax...

But a hoax with a purpose...what was  
I driving at – what was I doing?

What was our “new” class set up?



“...and if you are not needed by  
your brother men, there is no  
reason for you to burden this  
earth...” - *taken from “Anthem”*

Collectivism – what you do should be based on what is best for  
others...your purpose is to serve others without any care for your wants or  
desires. Being “altruistic”, but someone else tells you how to be...

Examples: Socialism, Communism, Totalitarianism, Marxism, Fascism,  
“Anthem” society

“...endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness...”

*~ Declaration of Independence (1776)*

Individualism – The idea that each person has a right to do what they want without any rule about caring about someone else. Not anarchy...

Can you think of examples of this type of society?

A society that puts equality...ahead  
of freedom will end up with neither  
equality nor freedom.

~ Milton Friedman (20<sup>th</sup> century Economist)

## Discussion - Which is it?

Is your purpose in life that of trying to do what makes you happy and fulfilled...(your chosen career, where you want to live, etc.)

OR

Is your purpose to fulfill the needs of others...(career that would best fit society, live where you "should", etc.)

*You must pick one or the other...*