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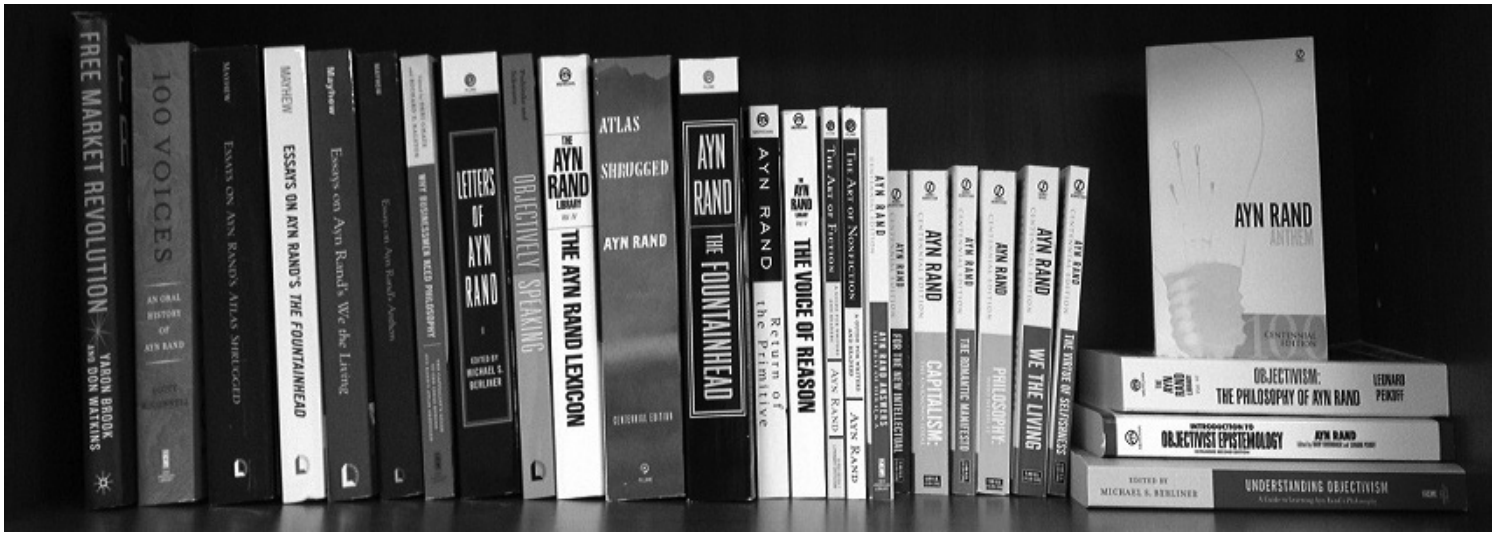

Below is a list of recommended readings for instructors who are interested in using Ayn Rand's books and essays in the classroom. Introductory (BEG) and advanced (ADV) articles are arranged by topic, with difficulty level referring to the level of familiarity with Rand's books and philosophy assumed by the selection. All selections are by Ayn Rand unless otherwise indicated.

IMPORTANCE OF PHILOSOPHY

"Philosophy: Who Needs It," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

"Philosophy and Sense of Life," *The Romantic Manifesto* (BEG)

"For the New Intellectual," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

ETHICS

Egoism and Altruism

Introduction to *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

"The Soul of an Individualist," *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)

"Faith and Force: The Destroyers of the Modern World," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

"The Objectivist Ethics," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (ADV)

"Causality Versus Duty," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (ADV)

"The Ethics of Emergencies," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (ADV)

"The 'Conflicts' of Men's Interests," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (ADV)

"This Is John Galt Speaking," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

Abortion

"Of Living Death," *The Voice of Reason* (BEG)

"The Age of Mediocrity," *The Objectivist Forum* (BEG)

Justice

"How Does One Live a Rational Life in an Irrational Society?," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

"The Cult of Moral Grayness," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

"An Untitled Letter," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (ADV)

POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY/ SOCIOECONOMIC THEORY

Rights

"Man's Rights," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

"Collectivized 'Rights,'" *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

"This Is John Galt Speaking," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

Government

"The Nature of Government," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

Capitalism

"The Moral Meaning of Capitalism," *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)

"What Is Capitalism?," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (ADV)

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Capitalists and Industrialists

"America's Persecuted Minority: Big Business," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (BEG)

"The Sanction of the Victims," *The Voice of Reason* (BEG)

"The Martyrdom of the Industrialists," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

"The Money-Making Personality," *Why Businessmen Need Philosophy* (BEG)

"For the New Intellectual," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

Business and Economics

"The Meaning of Money," *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)

"From Each According to His Ability, to Each According to His Need," *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)

"Notes on the History of American Free Enterprise," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (ADV)

"The Property Status of Airwaves," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (ADV)

"Patents and Copyrights," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (ADV)

"Antitrust: The Rule of Unreason," *The Voice of Reason* (ADV)

"The Inverted Moral Priorities," *The Voice of Reason* (ADV)

"Egalitarianism and Inflation," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (ADV)

War

"The Roots of War," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (BEG)

"Faith and Force: The Destroyers of the Modern World," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

Individualism and Collectivism

"The Soul of an Individualist," *For the New Intellectual* (BEG)

Textbook of Americanism

"Collectivized Ethics," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

Racism and Multiculturalism

"Racism," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG)

"Global Balkanization," *The Voice of Reason* (BEG)

Environmentalism

"The Anti-Industrial Revolution," *Return of the Primitive: The Anti-Industrial Revolution* (BEG)

"Conservatives" and "Liberals"

"The Intellectual Bankruptcy of Our Age," *The Voice of Reason* (BEG)

"The Left: Old and New," *Return of the Primitive: The Anti-Industrial Revolution* (BEG)

"Conservatism: An Obituary," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal* (BEG)

Free Speech and Censorship

"The Establishing of an Establishment," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

"Censorship: Local and Express," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

"Man's Rights," *The Virtue of Selfishness* (BEG

RELIGION

"Faith and Force: The Destroyers of the Modern World," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

"The Metaphysical Versus the Man-Made," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

Playboy's Interview with Ayn Rand (BEG)

"Requiem for Man," *Capitalism: The Unknown Ideal*

"Of Living Death," *The Voice of Reason* (BEG)

"This Is John Galt Speaking," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

EPISTEMOLOGY

Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology (ADV)

"For the New Intellectual," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

METAPHYSICS

"The Metaphysical Versus the Man-Made," *Philosophy: Who Needs It* (BEG)

"This Is John Galt Speaking," *For the New Intellectual* (ADV)

Introduction to Objectivist Epistemology: Chapter 6 (ADV)

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ART AND ESTHETICS

"Art and Sense of Life," *The Romantic Manifesto* (BEG)
"The Psycho-Epistemology of Art," *The Romantic Manifesto* (BEG)
"Art and Cognition," *The Romantic Manifesto* (ADV)

Literary Esthetics

"Basic Principles of Literature," *The Romantic Manifesto* (BEG)
"What Is Romanticism?," *The Romantic Manifesto* (ADV)
"The Esthetic Vacuum of Our Age," *The Romantic Manifesto* (ADV)
"Bootleg Romanticism," *The Romantic Manifesto* (ADV)
The Art of Fiction

Philosophy in Film

We the Living movie
The Fountainhead movie

FICTION/LITERATURE

We the Living (BEG)
Anthem (BEG)
Three Plays (BEG)
The Fountainhead (BEG)
Atlas Shrugged (ADV)
The Early Ayn Rand (ADV)

American Literature

Anthem (BEG)
The Fountainhead (BEG)
Atlas Shrugged (ADV)

American Playwrights

Three Plays (BEG)

Literature and Film

We the Living (BEG)
"Red Pawn," *The Early Ayn Rand* (BEG)
The Fountainhead (BEG)
We the Living movie (BEG)
The Fountainhead movie (BEG)

Utopian and Dystopian

Anthem (BEG)

Anti-Totalitarianism

Anthem (BEG)
We the Living (BEG)
"Red Pawn," *The Early Ayn Rand* (BEG)
Atlas Shrugged (ADV)

NONFICTION WRITING

The Art of Nonfiction (ADV)

BIOGRAPHICAL

Ayn Rand: A Sense of Life movie
Facets of Ayn Rand by Charles and Mary Ann Sures
Ayn Rand by Jeff Britting

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