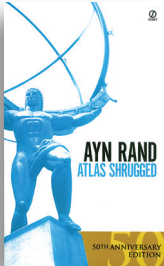


ESSAY CONTEST FOR STUDENTS



ATLAS SHRUGGED

For 12th Graders, College Undergraduates and Graduate Students • **Entry Deadline: April 28, 2017**
Essay must be between 800 and 1,600 words in length.

Select **ONE** of the following three topics:

1. Francisco d'Anconia says that the “words ‘to make money’ hold the essence of human morality.” What does he mean? What are today’s prevalent moral attitudes toward money? Do you agree with Francisco’s view? Explain why or why not.
2. *Atlas Shrugged* is both a celebration of business and a defense of it against widespread attacks. Judging from the novel and from Ayn Rand’s essay “What Is Capitalism?” and her talk “America’s Persecuted Minority: Big Business,” why does she think business should be defended and championed? What does she think is a proper defense of business, and why? *
3. Ragnar Danneskjöld says he loves that which has rarely been loved, namely, human ability. What do you think this means? How does it relate to the idea: “From each according to his ability, to each according to his need”? Do you agree or disagree with Ragnar’s attitude? Explain. *

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