

Suggested length: about 300–500 words

This is not a formal essay.

The Assignment: Create a Society Blueprint

After finishing the books, students will create a **Society Blueprint**.

A **Society Blueprint** is a simple plan for how you believe a strong community should work.

In your responses, you should attempt to include:

- one idea, moment, or character from *Anthem*
- one idea, moment, or passage from *Braiding Sweetgrass*

What to Include in your Society Blueprint:

1. **Name of the Society**

Give the society a creative name.

2. **What the Society Values**

In 2–4 sentences, explain the kind of place you want your society to be (peaceful, innovative, harmonious with nature, competitive, cooperative, etc.)? What values are most important (freedom, equality, respect for nature, personal achievement, community support, etc.)?

3. **Rights or Freedoms**

List **2–3 rights or freedoms** people in the society have. What rules would you want in your society? What freedoms does your society give your citizens?

***Attempt to reference the novel *Anthem* in your response.**

4. **Responsibilities to Others**

List **2–3 responsibilities or expectations** people have toward one another or toward the natural world. *Try to reference our school's magnet themes of Biological and Zoological sciences!*

***Attempt to reference *Braiding Sweetgrass* in your response.**

5. **Leadership and Decision-Making**

In 3–5 sentences, explain:

- Who makes decisions?
- How are leaders chosen?
- How are rules enforced?
- What happens when people disagree?

6. **Short Reflection**

Answer this question in one short paragraph (5-7 sentences):

Which book had a bigger impact on your society design, and why?