Anthem Questions

Chapter I - In a well-organized paragraph, describe the society in which *Anthem* is set. Some areas to consider are the political structure, degree of technology, social relationships, quality of life, and education. Explain why you would or would not like to live in this society.

How would your teachers react if you had Equality’s “curse”? Why do Equality’s teachers disapprove of his quick mind?

Chapter II - Of the whole range of feelings possible to man (joy, excitement, anger, embarrassment, etc.) why is fear the prevalent emotion in this society.

Chapter III – What does Equality discover in this chapter? How important is his discovery? Describe 4-5 ways in which it would help society, and make life easier or more enjoyable.

Chapter IV – Explain the appropriateness of Equality’s new name, “Unconquered.”

Chapter V – Equality understands his invention will greatly benefit mankind; however, this was not the reason why he conducted his experiments. What was his motivation for these experiments?

Chapter VI – The old locks and lack of guards in the Palace of Corrective Detention indicate that prisoners never tried to escape. Why not?

Chapter VII – Outline the Council’s reasons for rejecting Equality’s invention. What are the real reasons why they reject his invention?

Chapter VIII – What does the Uncharted Forest symbolize in *Anthem*?

Chapter IX – On pages 93-94, Liberty contrasts Equality with his fellow men. Paraphrase this passage.

Chapter X – Describe the house and its contents in your own words, and explain why Liberty and Equality find it so strange and unique.

Chapter XI – Reread the incident with the Saint of the Pyre (pg 50). What was he trying to communicate to Equality?

Chapter XII – Why do the main characters take on the names Prometheus and Gaea? Why weren’t they allowed to choose their names in their old society?