

# Honors English – Senior Year Summer Reading Assignment

Required Reading:            The Fountainhead by Any Rand

## **Important Information – Read First**

- ✓ Answer the two short answer questions below in essay format. While the questions below are shorter in length, I still expect a persuasive and well developed argument.
- ✓ Bring the novel to class and be prepared to discuss the book in its entirety.
- ✓ **You will also write a longer essay but only after we’ve discussed the book in class. Don’t worry – we’ll have plenty of time to discuss and analyze the book before you’ll be expected to write a longer, in-depth essay.**
- ✓ Any questions - contact me by e-mail at [csorrentino@immaculatahighschool.org](mailto:csorrentino@immaculatahighschool.org)

## **Short Responses**

Each of the two responses should be approximately 2 pages in length. Essays **MUST** be typed, Times New Roman, size 12 Font, double spaced. I will **NOT** accept anything handwritten. All quotes should follow MLA standard.

### **Question #1**

In asking Roark to design Cortlandt, Keating says he would sell his soul for Roark’s help. Roark replies, “To sell your soul is the easiest thing in the world. That’s what everybody does every hour of his life. If I asked you to keep your soul – would you understand why that’s much harder?” (Part 4, Chapter 8). Fully explain the meaning of this scene.

### **Question #2**

Do **YOU** consider Roark the “ideal man”? This is entirely your own opinion. Therefore, you may use first person in your response. Be sure to first explain what you think “ideal” means. Using your definition, determine and prove whether Roark fulfills those expectations.