Anthem Chapters 9-12 Socratic Seminar Questions

As you read and annotate chapters 9-12, answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper (typed or handwritten).

Keep in mind: Socratic Seminars are not debates; they are forums for discussion. This is a chance for you to delve more deeply into the issues and thoughts that you encounter while reading. The idea is to build upon each other’s thoughts and comments in order to gain a greater individual understanding of, not only the text, but also the themes and ideas within the work.

When writing down your responses to the questions, they need to be formatted in this way:

**Question #1:**
**Response:** blah, blah, blahdy blah blah
**Textual Evidence:** Page 38 “Blah blah blahdy blah blah.”

1. Create ONE non-surface level question about each chapter (one for chapter 9, 10, 11, and 12 = 4 total). Be sure your questions cause your reader to think deeply, and make connections.

2. In chapter 9, Equality questions the morality of his former society. Contrast what he was previously thought about solitude, good, evil and joy to what he now believes. What events have brought him to this belief system? Do you agree with/like his progression of thought? Explain your opinion.

3. Describe and DRAW the house and its contents discovered in chapter 10. Explain why Liberty and Equality find it so strange and unique.

4. “For the word ‘We’ must never be spoken, save by one’s choice and as a second thought” (pg 96 of the little book) Explain this quote. What does it mean and why is it so important to the novel?

5. What new names do Equality and Liberty take? Why do they take new names again? What do their names mean and represent? (do your research!)

6. What is the final word of Anthem? Why would Ayn Rand make this the forbidden word?