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The Fountainhead Final

Select ONE of the following three topics:

1. Explain the similarities and differences between the characters of Dominique Francon, Steven Mallory and Gail Wynand. How does each's view of life and its possibilities differ from Howard Roark's? How does this issue relate to the theme of the novel?
2. Howard Roark discusses the motives, methods and functioning of both the altruist and the egoist. Do the lives of Peter Keating, Ellsworth Toohey and Catherine Halsey illustrate his thesis about altruists? Does his own life illustrate his thesis about egoists? Explain your answer.
3. In conversation with Nathaniel Janss, Howard Roark observes that reason is something that "no one really wants to have on his side." Do the events of *The Fountainhead* show that Roark wants reason on his side while other characters do not? How does this issue relate to the theme of the novel?

Essay must be no fewer than 600 (2 pages) and no more than 1,600 (four and a half pages) words in length, double-spaced, in Times New Roman, 12 point font.