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Reading Discussion: “For the New Intellectual” Homework

Enrich and deepen your experience at OCON by completing homework in advance for the opportunity to discuss your ideas with ARI experts during the special lunchtime reading and discussion session. If you submit your work by the listed deadline, your assignment might be selected for comment during the conference!

Important: You must submit your homework assignment by 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on Monday, June 23, 2025, in order to guarantee that it can be reviewed before the event. Send your homework in the body of an email (not as an attachment) to students@aynrand.org with the subject line: OCON Reading Group Homework Assignment.

Students may request free ebooks at: aynrand.org/students/free-books.

Reading: “For the New Intellectual” (from *For the New Intellectual*)

Due: 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time on June 23, 2025

Assignment: Read the title essay of *For the New Intellectual* and write a response (no more than 400 words) to one of these prompts:

1. There’s a lot of history in “For the New Intellectual.” What is Ayn Rand’s purpose in presenting it?
2. Why does Rand think intellectuals have misunderstood businessmen? In what way does she think businessmen have misunderstood intellectuals?
3. What does Rand think is the responsibility of intellectuals? In essential terms, how does the “new intellectual” distinguish himself from previous intellectuals in exercising this responsibility?