Anthem by Ayn Rand: Vocabulary

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An alliance is a bond or connection between families, states, parties, or individuals; an association to further the common interests of the members.
On *The Office*, Jim and Dwight form an alliance.
Solitude is the quality or state of being alone or remote from society.
In the movie *Castaway*, Tom Hanks spends a long time on an island in solitude.
vindicate

Vindicate means to free from allegation or blame; to maintain a right to.
vindicate

In the movie *Legally Blonde*, Elle Woods works as a lawyer to vindicate those who are innocent.
Endeavor means to attempt by exertion of effort.
In the movie *Talladega Nights*, Ricky Bobby *endeavors* to go fast.
An edict is a proclamation having the force of law.
In *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, Professor Umbridge issues a series of **edicts** that forbid certain things in Hogwarts.
Atone means to make amends.
In the movie *Step Brothers*, Dale and Brennan atone for their misbehavior.
defile

Defile means to make unclean or impure
defile

These football players have defiled their clothes.
summit

Summit means the topmost level attainable.
This man climbed to the summit of Mt. Everest.
mandate

A mandate is an authoritative command.
In China, the government issued a mandate that restricts couples to having only one child.
abyss

An abyss is an immeasurably deep gulf or great space.
The Titanic rests at the bottom of a dark, watery abyss.
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