

INCOMING JUNIORS  
SUMMER READING PROJECTS 2019  
**DUE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th, 2019**

You will be reading the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. It can be purchased at Half Price Books, borrowed from your local library, or PDF versions can be found online for free.

It is recommended that all assignments be typed using Google docs. This way these assignments can be easily turned in electronically.

**YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL OF THESE ASSIGNMENTS!**

**Assignment #1:** Create a list of **20** vocabulary words from the novel. You must include the sentence it came from in the novel and the definition of the word. This should be typed – use Google docs! To receive credit, you must have the definition and the sentence it came from in the novel.

The format should look like this:

1. Vocabulary Word

Definition:

Sentence:

**Assignment #2: Character List**

Create a list of the characters from the novel.

The list should include these characters: Guy Montag, Mildred Montag, Clarisse McClellan, Beatty, Stoneman, Black, Faber, and Granger.

Include a brief description of who he or she is, and include a brief quote from each character.

**Assignment #3: Current Events/Modern Day Relationship Assignment**

Even though this novel was written in 1953 – it still relates to our modern day 2018!!

**Based on the following quotes find current events and/or examples from our modern-day life that relate to these quotes from the novel. Respond in a well-developed paragraph (6 to 8 sentences). You must write a paragraph for each quote!**

**Quote #1:** “I'm afraid of children my own age. They kill each other. Did it always used to be that way? My uncle says no. Six of my friends have been shot in the last year alone. Ten of

them died in car wrecks. I'm afraid of them and they don't like me because I'm afraid. My uncle says his grandfather remembered when children didn't kill each other. But that was a long time ago when they had things different." (1.270)

**Quote #2:** "And something more! It listens! If you put it in your ear, Montag, I can sit comfortably home, warming my frightened bones, and hear and analyze the firemen's world, find its weaknesses, without danger. I'm the Queen Bee, safe in the hive. You will be the drone, the travelling ear. Eventually, I could put out ears into all parts of the city, with various men, listening and evaluating. If the drones die, I'm still safe at home, tending my fright with a maximum of comfort and a minimum of chance." (2.218)

(HINT: This quote is discussing technology – do we have technology like this in 2017?)

**Quote #3:** "Surely you remember the boy in your own school class who was exceptionally 'bright,' did most of the reciting and answering while the others sat like so many leaden idols, hating him. And wasn't it this bright boy you selected for beatings and tortures after hours? Of course, it was. We must all be alike. Not everyone born free and equal, as the Constitution says, but everyone made equal. Each man the image of every other; then all are happy, for there are no mountains to make them cower, to judge themselves against. So! A book is a loaded gun in the house next door. Burn it. Take the shot from the weapon. Breach man's mind. Who knows who might be the target of the well-read man? Me? I won't stomach them for a minute." (1.614)

(HINT: This quote discusses why books were abolished. It also discusses how when people do not understand something they often resort to violence! The treatment of the boy – has that happened to you, someone you know, someone in the news?)

**Quote #4:** "More sports for everyone, group spirit, fun, and you don't have to think, eh? Organize and organize and super organize super-super sports. More cartoons in books. More pictures. The mind drinks less and less. Impatience. Highways full of crowds going somewhere, somewhere, somewhere, nowhere." (1.610)

(HINT: Lack of thinking makes people less intelligent. People are often impatient and unhappy with their lives so they try to fill it with other things to help with the boredom.)

#### **Assignment #4**

Pick one from this list:

**"Wanted" Poster, please use 8 ½ by 11 copy paper or a similar size of unlined paper**– Create a "wanted" poster for one of the characters or objects from the book. It must include a

drawing/picture of the character or object, a physical description of the character or object, an explanation of what the character/object is wanted for, and the reward offered for the capture of the character or object. The poster should be neat, visually appealing, and use proper grammar and spelling.

**Telephone Conversation with Ray Bradbury** – Imagine that you and Ray Bradbury are really good friends. Write out an imaginary phone conversation between the both of you in which you discuss the book and other things as well. This should be at least 1 page typed, double spaced, size 12 font.

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