

# 2020-21 Honors English 10 Summer Reading

## Assignment 1: Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

**Assignment 1:** Read *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. All students will answer question #1 below. Then you will also answer one of the other two questions as assigned according to your last name.

**Due Date:** Choose one method, but submit no later than **June 19, 2020**

- Send answers in an attachment to a Word document to [kreach@bessemeracademy.com](mailto:kreach@bessemeracademy.com) with subject line of F451 or send as a Google docs which you “share” with me.
- Bring the assignment in a sealed envelope to the Bessemer Academy Office **BEFORE** the deadline.
- Send the assignment by US mail to Kaye Reach, Bessemer Academy, 1705 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W., Bessemer, AL 35022. It must arrive before the deadline.

**Value:** 40 pts. If the assignment is late, 10 percentage points will be deducted per day beginning **6/19/20.**

### **Format:**

- Typed, double spaced, Times New Roman, 12’ font with 1” margins all around.
- Type your full name in the right header of each page.
- Do not type any questions. Each answer should begin with a good topic sentence that contains the **KEY WORD(S)** that are in **bold print** in the questions.

### **Expectations:**

- Use your best writing skills—good grammar, sentence structure, spelling, etc.
- **Sentence fragments, comma splices, and run-on sentences are unacceptable for honors level work.**
- Do not wait until the last minute to complete this assignment. Haste makes waste!
- Use in-text citations for any information you paraphrase or summarize. Do not directly quote any source.
- Include a Works Cited page if you use outside Internet sources. You should paraphrase any information you “borrow.” Copying indicates laziness and results in plagiarism, a form of cheating which will result in a zero grade. Do not use E-notes, Wikipedia, or Shmoop.

### **Questions: All students answer #1, Characters.**

1. **Characters:** Describe ONE of the following pairs of characters. Write at least five-six sentences about each character. [A sentence such as “He is a scientist” is too simple. Instead, create a complex sentence such as “He is a scientist who stopped the aliens from invading North America after the Space Station was destroyed.”] Include both physical and mental/emotional characteristics. Use examples from the story to support your descriptions. When you have finished, you should have written ONE LONG paragraph.

- Choose ONE PAIR of characters: (1) Montag and Beatty (2) Mildred and Clarisse

### **If your last name begins with A-L, answer question #2.**

2. **Themes:** Identify and discuss two themes in the novel. State each theme as a sentence. (Example: One theme in *Fahrenheit 451* is ...). Describe an incident from the novel that you think illustrates each of the themes. Your answer should be at least one typed page in length.

### **If your last name begins with M-Z, answer question #3.**

3. **Symbols:** Explain each of the six symbols below. (For example, “The symbolism of *hands* changes throughout the story. At one point, *hands* represent the force for good as well as the reflectors of conscience; however, early in the story, Montag’s hands symbolize his emptiness.”) Symbols: (1) Phoenix (2) salamander (3) fire (4) water (5) war (6) act of burning. You must have a minimum of three explanatory sentences per symbol. Your discussion answer should be at least one typed page in length.