

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 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 4th 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.