

# 10<sup>TH</sup> HONORS LANGUAGE ARTS SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

In preparation for beginning the class, complete the following assignment over the summer. The assignment is due the Tuesday after the Labor Day holiday. LA 9 teachers will have books for summer checkout the last week of school.

- 1 Read the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury. We'll check out a book to you for summer use.
- 2 Keep a table of references to the following motifs in the novel (similar to sample below). We'll use the list for writing and discussion. You can share the work among friends. Just have a completed table by the due date. Consider using small Post-it notes as you read to mark pages and then going back to record the page numbers. Fire appears so many places in the book. You don't have to mark each mention; choose significant references.

FIRE	HAPPINESS	BIRDS	HANDS	COLORS: black & white	ENTERTAINMENT	NATURE
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- 3 Respond to each part of the novel by answering the following questions. Each response should be 300-500 words long, following MLA formatting. Be sure to use the text to support your thinking.

**Part 1:** Montag is going through a crisis. Identify one incident that creates doubts for Montag and explain how that incident moves him away from his comfort zone. What does he do as a result? What effect does this event have on plot development?

**Part 2:** In his conversation with Montag, Faber discusses three things that are missing from their society. These missing things are the reasons why the people in this society don't want or need books. Identify and explain the three reasons Faber gives and then analyze our own society to see if we suffer from the same maladies that infect the *Fahrenheit 451* society.

**Part 3:** How well does Part 3 provide closure to the conflicts and tension introduced throughout the novel? Choose one conflict/tension from the novel and explain how the novel does or does not bring closure to that conflict. Why is closure important?

- 4 Literature is precious. (Ah, that's a theme!) In celebration of your reading, we want you to choose a passage from the novel and memorize it. At least a half page.

If you have questions, please ask before school is out. Talk to Ms. Maldonado or Mrs. Smith.  
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See you this fall!