

*Fahrenheit 451* Essay

**INSTRUCTIONAL OUTCOME:**

Write an essay on *Fahrenheit 451* in which you demonstrate your understanding of the work and its implications.

**STEPS:**

**1. Choose ONE out of the three essay questions.**

Options:

1. Some works of literature use the element of time in a distinct way. The chronological sequence of events may be altered, or time may be suspended or accelerated. How does Bradbury's manipulation of time contribute to the effectiveness of the work as a whole? Do not merely summarize the plot
2. Guy Montag undergoes a character transformation as the novel progresses. How does he develop from the protagonist the reader meets at the beginning of *Fahrenheit 451* to the character he becomes at the close of the novel? Use specific instances from the text to support your theories.
3. Writers often highlight the values of a culture or society by using characters who are alienated from that culture or society because of gender, race, class, or creed. Choose a character in *Fahrenheit 451* who plays such a significant role. How does that character's alienation reveal the surrounding society's assumptions and moral values?

Once you have chosen a topic, develop it into a thesis statement. Remember that you are formulating a "theory" about the novel that you will have to "prove" with reasons and examples in your body paragraphs.

Example Thesis Statements:

**In *Fahrenheit 451*, censorship causes a loss of societal growth and individual thought and personal happiness.**

**In *Fahrenheit 451*, the society loses its power and purpose because individuals lose their ability to live a full life involving relationships, meaningful activities, and rich ideas.**

When you have developed a workable thesis, you may begin your outline.