

## *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.**

YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS STEP.

#### **2. Prepare a detailed outline with quotations from the book to support your argument. You may not include outside sources.**

Your outline should be typed and in MLA style, and follow this format:

### **Introduction**

#### **I. Background information**

What context do you need to explain to your reader so that the rest of your essay will make sense? This does not need to be in paragraph form. You can use a few words or phrases.

#### **II. Thesis Statement**

The “theory” about the novel that you will have to “prove” with reasons and examples in your body paragraphs.

### **Body Paragraphs**

Each body paragraph should follow the format below. The number of body paragraphs depends on your thesis and your reasons.

#### **I. Topic Sentence**

This should be a full sentence, not a single word or phrase; it should support your thesis, and it should be the focus of this entire paragraph. The topic sentence is **not** an example.

#### **A. Examples**

Each example should have the following:

- i. Context** for the quote (Who says it? What is happening? What is it about?)
- ii. Quote**
- iii. Commentary** (What does the quote mean? How does it relate to your topic sentence/thesis?)