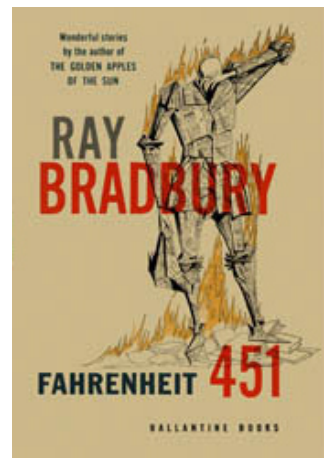


Summer Reading 2016 Pre-AP English I

Congratulations for enrolling in Pre-AP English I! This summer we ask that you read the novel *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury. We will be discussing, analyzing, and writing about key literary elements in this book in the first three weeks of the school year.

Fahrenheit 451 (written in 1953) is a science fiction novel written by the American author Ray Bradbury. The novel tells the story of a dystopian future America in which books are outlawed and “firemen” burn any that are found. One such fireman, Montag, begins to question everything he ever believed after a series of events forces him to reevaluate himself, his job, and his society. This novel has both deep philosophical ideas and fast paced action.



Focus your reading this summer on the following.

- What are the key themes and ideas presented in the novel, and how do they impact the journey of the protagonist? How are the concepts of technological reliance, knowledge, and happiness addressed?
- How does Bradbury’s writing style impact the way a reader experiences a scene?
- How does Montag grow and develop as he faces new challenges and new conflicts in the story?

Be prepared to think critically and write analytically about *Fahrenheit 451* when you return to school this fall.

Remember what it takes to be an *active* reader. We encourage you to highlight and annotate the text as you read. Challenge yourself to dig deep and ask philosophical questions.

We look forward to meeting you!

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