

Pre-AP 9 Summer Reading Assignment

This summer, **you will read the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury** while also completing two parts to your assignment : **1.) a reading response log** , and **2.) a list of unfamiliar words with their definitions and parts of speech.** The reading response log will serve as your guide through the novel, drawing connections from the author's words to your own response and commentary.

Reading Log Directions: To complete the log, as you read the novel, you will record a quote, passage, or event (with page numbers) on one side, while on the other side provide your commentary/ opinions/ analysis (see examples below). I have provided the first page of your log on the back of this assignment. You will probably need more space; feel free to copy or add on to the log to ensure you have enough space to complete it.

Examples/ possible comments include:

- Connections you are making to other parts of the novel, other novels you've read, things you've witnessed or heard about, etc.
- Questions you have about plot, characters, concepts
- Analysis of author's style, tone or word choice and their effect on the reader (For example: "The author used words like 'ominous' and 'foreboding' in the passage; this sets up the tone for the scene and lets the reader know something dark will occur")
- Commentary on the development of themes (the central message/ deeper meanings) at this particular point
- Your personal reaction to the text – What is engaging? Surprising? Interesting? (For example: "I think it's interesting the author chose to have the character do this, because based on this, I would have thought he/she would have chosen differently...")

Be mindful that these comment options do not include a summary of the text. You will not get full credit for just summarizing.

Your reading log should contain at least **15 entries (spread them out throughout the novel)** . An outstanding reading log will include a variety of types of comments along the way. You may replicate the following chart on notebook paper or type your answers on a Word document within a table or chart format and print it out. Bring your entries to class on the first day.

Vocabulary List Directions:

You will also need to find at least 20 words from the text with which you are not familiar. Write the word, part of speech (noun, adjective, verb, etc.) and the definition. Also, record the page number the word appears on.

The reading response log and definitions will be **due on the first day of class** . This will be your first assignment for the class; failure to complete and turn in the assignment will result in zero points.

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Example of what your reading log could look like found below:

Page #	Quote/ passage/ event	Commentary/ analysis/ opinions