

# Lawrence High School English 11 HONORS Summer Reading Assignment: Fahrenheit 451

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Before you complete this assignment you must read the novel *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury in its entirety. The assignment below asks you to observe the way that characters of the book interact with futuristic items like television and cars as well as how they react to other forms of entertainment like talking and reading. Consider Ray Bradbury's ideas for the future and the way that we live today. You will evaluate whether or not his predictions were correct.

1. **Consider the following term:**
  - a. **DYSTOPIAN (dis -tope-ee-an) NOVEL:** a book written about a future time that depicts a society where people lead undesirable, fearful, or otherwise negative lives.
2. **Compare Ray Bradbury's Predictions to today's society:** Ray Bradbury wrote his novel *Fahrenheit 451* in the year 1953 before the invention of many technologies that we use today. In the novel he imagines that technology will be the downfall of art, culture, and knowledge. Your job is to complete the table below and examine the author's attitude (tone) toward the listed items as well as how we view those things today.

Describe how the novel views it.	Find a quote to support your answer (include page numbers)	Concept	Describe how today's society views it.	Think of an example (commercials, TV, movies, personal experience) to support your answer
		TELEVISION		
		CARS		
		BOOKS		
		TALKING WITH FRIENDS		
		YOUR CHOICE: _____		

3. **ANSWER** the following in the space provided: **Choose one of the "concepts" in the table above:** Do you think Ray Bradbury was right about how it would be used in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**4. Use the list below to learn about character development:**

CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT: is the act of a character changing in attitude, personality, or beliefs throughout a literary text (physical changes do not constitute development unless the character's personality also changes) Look at the LIST BELOW to help you understand what constitutes change.

IF A CHARACTER....

- a. Behaves in a way they ordinarily wouldn't
- b. Reveals something about themselves they normally wouldn't
- c. Changes their mind about a serious issue
- d. Understands something they didn't understand before
- e. Changes their opinion about another character
- f. Believes something they once didn't or no longer believes what they used to
- g. Or any other difference in personality, belief, attitude, or action

....THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED A CHANGE

**5. Complete the table below:** be sure to use supporting quotes from the correct sections of the text.

WHICH CHARACTER DID YOU CHOOSE: _____			
	<b>Describe a change for each box.</b>	<b>Supporting Quote and page #</b>	<b>Why did this change occur?</b>
<b>BEGINNING</b>			
<b>MIDDLE</b>			
<b>END</b>			

**6. ANSWER** the following questions in the space provided:

Which characters were most impacted by the above character's development and how were they impacted?

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