

## Synthesis Research Paper: *Fahrenheit* in the Real World

**Purpose:** *Fahrenheit 451* is in large part Ray Bradbury's commentary on the use of technology in society. In order to develop and practice researching and writing skills, we will be completing research that will culminate in a research paper, synthesizing our novel with our own research.

**Prompt:** Write a three-page essay that draws connections between our society and the book, using one of the following:

- The effects of overdependence on technology such as cell phones, apps, the Internet, social media, computers etc., have upon the individual and society.
- The effects censorship of free thought and knowledge have upon the individual and society.
- The effects mass conformity have upon the individual and society.

**Requirements:**

- Your essay must use *Fahrenheit 451* as one of your primary sources of evidence.
- Your essay must use one or more of the other sources from our unit, listed below:
  - NYT article about teen drug use
  - KQED article about YouTube addiction
  - CNN article on Instagram
  - KQED story on YouTube rehab
  - One additional article you will find on your own.
- Your essay should be about three pages, double-spaced, but as always, developing and supporting strong ideas are more important than writing an essay of a specific length.
- Your essay must follow all MLA formatting guidelines and all conventions for properly integrating and citing quotations.
- Your essay must include a correctly formatted works cited page.
- The paper will be worth 100 points. You will lose 10% of your grade per each day it is late.
- You will need to submit your essay in hard copy on the due date and to TurnItIn.com (separate 5 point homework assignment) on the same evening.

**Final Draft Due:** Friday, May 18.

Write any questions you have about this assignment below:

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