

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

**Purpose:** To wrap up our *Fahrenheit 451* unit by practicing research, synthesis, and writing skills.

**Directions:** Write an essay on the effects that overdependence on technology such as cell phones, apps, the Internet, social media, computers etc., has 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](#)
  - [Entrepreneur article about tech inventors raising their own kids tech-free](#)
  - [Business Insider article about Silicon Valley parents raising their kids tech-free](#)
- 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 17.

# *Research Paper Proposal*

**Purpose:** Before you can begin researching for your paper, it's important to take the time to carefully consider your desired topic, and to explore its merits. Today you will craft a proposal for your research paper, in response to the prompt below.

1. What topic or issue are you interested in researching? (1 sentence)

2. Why does this topic interest you? (5+ sentences)

3. How do you believe this topic/issue has impacted society? (5+ sentences)