**Background**

Explore these websites for information on the kinds of historical censorship Ray Bradbury discusses in *Fahrenheit 451*: For this WebQuest, I will be collecting answers to the questions that accompany each web site. **Copy and paste each question and then answer it in complete sentences in a separate google document.** NO PLAGARISM – use your own words to answer each question!

**Step I: Who is Ray Bradbury?**
- When was Ray Bradbury born?
- Is he still living?
- What major life events or ideas may have influenced Ray Bradbury while growing up?


**Step II: Censorship**
- Take the Censorship Quiz and record your score.
- Define Censorship
- What is the earliest attempt of censorship (date and author)?
- What American right protects books from being banned but not challenged?
According to the statistic chart—what are the top 5 reasons most books are challenged?

**Step III: Nazi Book Burning:**
- What is significant about the date May 10, 1933?
- In what way might the pictures of book burning images inspire Bradbury to write *Fahrenheit 451*?
- What effect do you think the burning of books had on the authors whose works were burned?

  http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/bookburning/symbol.php
  http://www.historyplace.com/ww2/timeline/bookburn.htm

**Step IV: Dystopian Society:**
- Define dystopian
- What are some important characteristics of a dystopian society?
- How does a person feel when living in a dystopian society?


**Step V: McCarthyism and Blacklisting in Hollywood:**
- Who is Joe McCarthy?
- What is “McCarthyism”?
- What doesHUACstand for?
- What is the significance of Hollywood and Blacklisting?
- How might it have inspired Bradbury to write *Fahrenheit 451*?

  http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/joseph-mccarthy
  http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/viewSubCategory.asp?id=1216
  http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-red-scare-comes-to-hollywood

How might history have inspired Bradbury to write *Fahrenheit 451*? (one paragraph response)