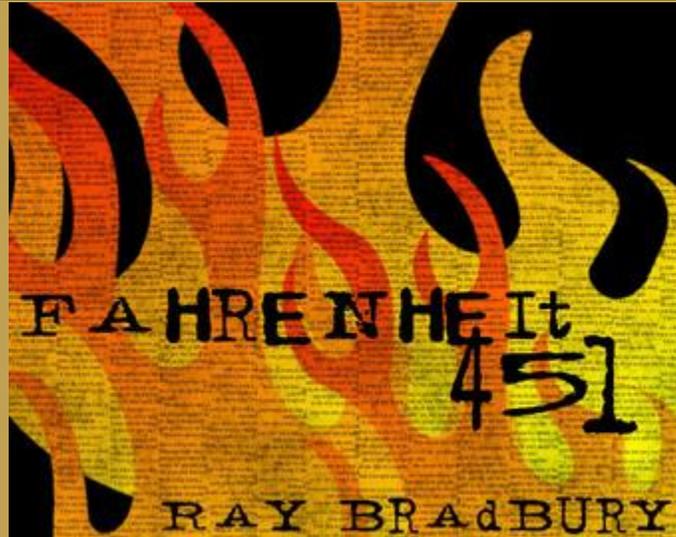


Fahrenheit 451 Webquest: Answer the Following Questions on Your Own Sheet of Paper



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?

<http://www.raybradbury.com/index.html>

Step II: Censorship

- Take the Censorship Quiz and record your score.
<http://www.marquette.edu/library/lor/banned-books-week/quiz.shtml>
- 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?

<http://education-portal.com/academy/lesson/book-censorship-history-statistics-quiz.html#lesson>

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/worldwar2/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?

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson_images/lesson926/DefinitionCharacteristics.pdf

Step V: McCarthyism and Blacklisting in Hollywood:

- Who is Joe McCarthy?
- What is “McCarthyism”?
- What does HUAC stand 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)