

# Fahrenheit 451

## Article-to-Novel Connection Project

English I Honors  
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**Overview:** There are many motifs and arguments throughout the novel *Fahrenheit 451*. For this assignment, you will find 3 present-day articles which relate to 3 different motifs, topics or arguments in the novel, and then connect them to the novel.

**DUE: Friday 2 November (4<sup>th</sup> period)/ Monday 5 November (first)**

**Motifs/Topics/ Arguments/Big Ideas**

*You may think of others. The following are only some ideas.*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prescription drug addiction</li> <li>• Happiness</li> <li>• Suicide</li> <li>• Violence, especially teen violence</li> <li>• Television shows as a distraction</li> <li>• Reality TV &amp; mindless TV shows</li> <li>• The overuse of or reliance on I-pods and other technology</li> <li>• Book censorship</li> <li>• Illiteracy and lack of reading books</li> <li>• The future of books</li> <li>• The education system</li> <li>• Fear of war or attacks from other countries</li> <li>• Parenting</li> <li>• Media violence</li> <li>• A lack of appreciation of nature</li> <li>• Political elections/ choosing candidates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Location technology/ surveillance technology</li> <li>• Advertising and commercials</li> <li>• Televised religion and/or commercialized religion</li> <li>• Student attendance at liberal arts colleges/ value of a college education</li> <li>• Vandalism and juvenile delinquency</li> <li>• Law enforcement</li> <li>• Conformity</li> <li>• Media spin/ media deception</li> <li>• Materialism/ need to own material goods</li> <li>• The entertainment industry</li> <li>• Dying for a cause</li> <li>• Televised police chases</li> <li>• Mistaken identity during arrests</li> <li>• Technological innovations similar to Bradbury's predictions in <i>F451</i></li> <li>• Bradbury's views on technology</li> </ul>
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1) Find **3 articles** which connect to the novel *Fahrenheit 451*. You may use the internet, newspapers, and magazines. The articles should be written within the last 5-7 years—the more recent, the better. The above list of motifs provides you with topics for article selection. Each of your articles must fit under different motifs. For example, do not use more than one article connecting to prescription drug addiction. **\*Make sure you have a copy of each article you use; you will need to turn these in with your analyses.**

2) For each article write a one paragraph summary and a second paragraph explaining the connection between the article and the novel *F451*. You must reference specific incidences in the novel and in the article when making connections. Each paragraph should be 6-8 good sentences. You will have a total of 6 paragraphs upon completion of the project.

3) Present your articles and paragraphs in a clean, neat and attractive manner. You will likely want to type your paragraphs. You may assemble your project in a creative manner. Illustrations and graphics are welcome.

4) At the end of the two paragraphs associated with an article *or* on the last page of your project, include the MLA works cited entry for the article(s). Each article must have a MLA works cited entry. *See page 3 for MLA assistance.*

5) News websites, such as CNN, Yahoo, MSNBC, Fox, Newsandobserver.com and Psychologytoday should be particularly helpful. If you use a Google search, make sure to avoid blogs.

#### **Article #1**

\_\_\_\_\_/5 Current, relevant article included (motif/ topic unique from other 2 articles)  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Thorough summary of the article's key points (the first 6-8 good sentence paragraph)  
\_\_\_\_\_/ 10 Well-developed paragraph connecting the article to *F451*. Strong support from both the article and the novel reveal insight into the topic. (the second 6-8 good sentence paragraph)  
\_\_\_\_\_/ 5 Correct MLA works cited entry (author, title, name of publication, date, etc).

#### **Article #2**

\_\_\_\_\_/5 Current, relevant article included (motif/ topic unique from other 2 articles)  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Thorough summary of the article's key points. (the third 6-8 good sentence paragraph)  
\_\_\_\_\_/ 10 Well-developed paragraph connecting the article to *F451*. Strong support from both the article and the novel reveal insight into the topic. (the fourth 6-8 good sentence paragraph)  
\_\_\_\_\_/ 5 Correct MLA works cited entry (author, title, name of publication, date, etc).

#### **Article #3**

\_\_\_\_\_/5 Current, relevant article included (motif/ topic unique from other 2 articles)  
\_\_\_\_\_/10 Thorough summary of the article's key points. (the fifth 6-8 good sentence paragraph)  
\_\_\_\_\_/ 10 Well-developed paragraph connecting the article to *F451*. Strong support from both the article and the novel reveal insight into the topic. (the sixth 6-8 good sentence paragraph)  
\_\_\_\_\_/ 5 Correct MLA works cited entry (author, title, name of publication, date, etc).

#### **Overall Presentation**

\_\_\_\_\_/10 Project contains all required materials and is assembled in a clean, neat and attractive manner. Paragraphs and works cited entries are typed. Special consideration given to relevant art work or graphics. (Don't forget to include your name in a visible place).

**NOTE: I will deduct points from the paragraph grades due to grammar and spelling errors.**

#### **Total Points**

\_\_\_\_\_/ 100 points

# MLA Works Cited Entry Help for Newspapers, Magazines and Internet

You must use MLA citation for all of your sources. Information must be typed, double-spaced in a Works Cited page.

## Article in a Magazine

Cite by listing the article's author, putting the title of the article in quotations marks, and italicizing the periodical title. Follow with the date of publication. Remember to abbreviate the month. The basic format is as follows:

Author(s). "Title of Article." *Title of Periodical* Day Month Year: pages. Medium of publication.

Poniewozik, James. "TV Makes a Too-Close Call." *Time* 20 Nov. 2000: 70-71. Print.

"Great Soap Opera, The." *Consumer Reports* Jul. 2003: 413-414. Print.

## Article in a Newspaper

Cite a newspaper article as you would a magazine article, but note the different pagination in a newspaper. If there is more than one edition available for that date (as in an early and late edition of a newspaper), identify the edition following the date (e.g., 17 May 1987, late ed.).

Brubaker, Bill. "New Health Center Targets County's Uninsured Patients." *Washington Post* 24 May 2007: LZ01. Print.

"Indianapolis Offender Gets 6-Year Sentence." *Indianapolis Star* 12 May 2003: D4. Print.

## Internet Article

Author (if known). "Full Title of the Work in Quotation Marks." *Full Title of the Complete Work (if applicable) Italicized*. Publisher or Sponsor (if not available use N.p.), Date of Publication (if not available use n.d.) Web. Date of your visit.

Kelley, Raina. "Facebook Made Me Do It: Seven lies we tell ourselves about social networking." *Newsweek.com*. Harman Newsweek, LLC., 20 Feb. 2009. Web. 10 Jan. 2012.

"First new stem cell lines approved for funding under Obama guidelines." *CNN.com*. Cable News Network, 2 Dec. 2009. Web. 10 Jan. 2012.