

MOUNT SAINT JOSEPH ACADEMY

HONORS AMERICAN LITERATURE

SUMMER READING

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury

Fahrenheit 451 is a dystopian novel set in a futuristic society, where technology, advertising, and instant gratification pervade every aspect of American life. On the first day of class, you will take a quiz on basic plot-points, conflicts, and central characters.

Additionally, please write a brief reflection (150-200 words each) after the end of each section below. Bring a printed copy in one document with a proper MLA heading, and be sure to double-space:

“The Hearth and the Salamander”

- How is Bradbury’s futuristic society strangely similar to our own world in 2022? Be specific.

“The Sieve and the Sand”

- How does the character of Faber contrast with Montag’s boss, Beatty?

“Burning Bright”

- If you were a member of Granger’s society, which text might you represent? Why? Why is it important enough to be handed down to future generations?