

***Fahrenheit 451* Discussion 1**

We will be doing a group discussion using Google Docs. There will be groups of 3 or 4 people who will all be writing on the same document. You will be required to write one paragraph-long comment and, later, also to comment on another group member's comment.

STEP 1: Log onto Google Docs. I have already created a document and shared it with your group. You will find it in the SHARED WITH ME folder.

STEP 2: Go to the document and MOVE IT TO YOUR ENGLISH FOLDER.


STEP 3: Each group member will write a paragraph-long comment in response to any one of the discussion prompts. The paragraph should be 8-10 sentences. You should begin this paragraph with your NAME! Do not repeat information that your group members have written; share original thoughts. Try not to all pick the same topic to write about. (This part will be worth 7 points)


STEP 3: After you are done with your individual paragraph, you will then write a 3-4 sentence response/comment about one of your group member's comment. You should begin this response with your NAME! (This part will be worth 3 points)


Note: Do not mess with anyone else's writing on these documents. If you do, I can visit the document's history to see who messed with it and you will get a zero. Not good.


GROUP DISCUSSION 1 TOPICS

PICK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF FAHRENHEIT 451. AVOID "I" LANGUAGE. YOUR PARAGRAPH SHOULD BE BETWEEN 8-10 SENTENCES.

 **OPTION ONE:** The following quote is a paradox. "The Mechanical Hand slept but did not sleep, lived but did not live in this gently humming, gently vibrating, softly illuminated kennel in a dark corner of the firehouse." Look up the word paradox. Explain what a paradox is. What does it show the reader about the Mechanical Hound?

 **OPTION TWO:** Clarisse says, "I'm afraid of children my own age. They kill each other. Did it always use to be that way? My uncle says no." What does this quote show about Clarisse? Do you think this quote applies to the world today? Why or why not?

 **OPTION THREE:** When the old woman says, "Play the man, Master Ridley; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out", **what is she saying about herself?** Beatty later explains that Hugh Latimer said that quote to Nicholas Ridley in 1555 when they were both burnt at the stake for speaking against Roman Catholicism. You may want to do some research about these people.

 **OPTION FOUR:** -Pick your own topic/quote to discuss.