

# Fahrenheit 451 Essay Topics

Choose one of the topics below.

- ◆ **Censorship and the suppression of ideas.**
- ◆ **The power and value of ideas.**
- ◆ **The meaning of a life richly lived.**
- ◆ **The power of interpersonal relationships.**
- ◆ The power of conflicting ideas in developing a concept of truth, and the risk to the uneducated or ignorant of falling prey to propaganda.
- ◆ The deadening power of technology when it suppresses or replaces true human interaction or experience.
- ◆ The value and meaning of a free society. (While there are some risks to a free society, the threat of a society that suppresses freedom is the very possibility of being truly human.)

Once you have chosen a topic, develop it into a **thesis statement**. Remember that you are formulating a “theory” about the novel that you will have to “prove” with reasons and examples in your body paragraphs.

Your thesis must be approved with my initials. *Writing in pencil is a good idea in case of revisions.*

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## Example Thesis Statements:

In Fahrenheit 451, censorship causes a loss of societal growth and individual thought and personal happiness.

In Fahrenheit 451, the society loses its power and purpose because individuals lose their ability to live a full life involving relationships, meaningful activities, and rich ideas.

***When you have developed a workable thesis, turn to the back for some prewriting →***

# *Fahrenheit 451* Prewriting

Organize your prewriting according to the **3** body paragraphs

You may **map, web, chart, outline, section, list**, etc.

**Highlight** each body paragraph topic. *(1 point each)*

Include **quotes and page numbers**.

You must include at least **3 examples** for **each** topic (this = 9 examples total!)

*They are worth 3 points each (27 points)*