

English 10
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Summer Reading Assignment 2017

Welcome to 10th-grade English! I am looking forward to a great year! For this year's summer reading, you will read *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and complete the assignment below. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please e-mail me at mbevevino@lasalleinstitute.org.

Your task:

1. Read the novel *Fahrenheit 451*. You can obtain a copy of this at your local bookstore, library, or on the internet.
2. Complete a dialectical journal. You will then select and properly cite three important quotes from the novel. Quotes should be cited in MLA format, and be sure to use the author's DIRECT WORDS—no paraphrasing or summarizing! Additionally, you will also write a commentary for each quote that you select. Commentaries may focus on why you believe the quote is important or adds meaning to the story, reactions to what you are reading, uses of literary elements, or real-world connections. Your commentaries should be approximately 4-5 sentences. Refer to the example below.

Dialectical journal example:.

Quote	Commentary
"It was a special pleasure to see things eaten, to see things blackened and changed. With the brass nozzle in his fists, with this great python spitting its venomous kerosene upon the world, the blood pounded in his head, and his hands were the hands of some amazing conductor playing all the symphonies of blazing and burning to bring down the tatters and charcoal ruins of history" (Bradbury 1).	Right from the start, Bradbury sets a tone of mystery for the reader. Bradbury discusses how it is a "special pleasure" to see things eaten, which is something that I can relate to. The python is depicted as horrific and powerful, and the author lets us know that this creature is likely to play a significant role in the novel. Bradbury also might have a negative view of history since he uses dark imagery to refer to it.

You will do the same thing as I did, just three times instead of one. You may submit your responses via a Word document/Google doc or NEATLY handwrite it in a notebook or on loose leaf.

Each quote and commentary will be worth five points each (30 points total since you will have three quotes and three commentaries). In order to receive full credit, you must:

- Cite all quotes properly (using author's last name and page number) in MLA format
- Have relevant, thoughtful commentaries that show a solid understanding of the author's message
- Use complete sentences and have spelling and grammar up to par for Grade 10

THIS ASSIGNMENT WILL BE DUE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11. BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE NOVEL IN CLASS!

