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***Fahrenheit 451* Anticipation Guide**

The following ideas and concepts are all conveyed in Ray Bradbury’s *Fahrenheit 451*. We should think about and discuss these ideas and concepts before we read *Fahrenheit 451* so that we have an understanding of what the author is trying to convey in his work. Bradbury comments on each one of the following ideas through the dialogue and action of each character in the book.  Actively reading and thinking about these ideas and concepts will help students understand the many themes found in *Fahrenheit 451* as well as help students with the essay at the end of the unit.

**Directions**: Respond to each statement with **agree** or **disagree**.

1.      Books are not important to gain knowledge or to advance civilization.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2.      Ignorance is bliss. The pursuit of knowledge is overrated. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3.      The more technology you have in life the happier you will be. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4.      Technology takes away from mankind’s connection to nature.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5.      Certain “things” should be censored in society. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6.      Independent free thinking can threaten society’s order and comfort. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7.     Your mentors and friends affect your identity and personality. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8.      Mindless activity leads to dissatisfaction in life. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Directions**: Answer each question below in your own words. Give at least one reason or example to support you point.

9. Using specific examples, explain whether or not you agree or disagree with the following ideas:

\* Books are problematic in that they present so many varying and often contradictory viewpoints.

\* Books themselves are not important, rather what matters is the information that the best of them contain: reflections of life and the world at large.

10.  Is there a positive side to ignorance? Explain a reason why people should pursue knowledge. Use specific examples to explain both answers.

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11.  Does technology make you happy? List at least one positive and one negative effect technology has on your life. Use specific examples to explain your answer.

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12.  Do you think technology is more important than nature?  Use specific examples to explain your answer.

13.   Do you think that it is important to censor dangerous and inappropriate materials in society?  Use specific examples to support your point.

14.  How can independent free thinking affect an orderly comfortable society?  Use specific examples to explain your answer.

15. Is it possible to live a satisfied life based around mindless activities (TV, music, social media)? Use specific examples to explain your answer.

16.  In your own words, define individuality.  Is it possible to maintain individuality without letting your parents, mentors, and friends affect and influence your personality? Use specific examples to explain your answer.