

English II – Semester 1 Exam: Writing

The character Guy Montag changes throughout the course of Ray Bradbury's novel *Fahrenheit 451*. Think about who Montag was at the beginning of the novel and how his beliefs and actions change by the conclusion.

Assignment: Write a well-developed essay that analyzes why Montag changes in the novel due to societal influences. Be sure to discuss the ways other characters and/or events influence his transformation. In other words, explain both how and why Montag changes.

Be sure to include details that show both your knowledge of the story and your understanding of the character. Make specific references to the things the character says and does in the story by integrating well chosen quotes. You will have 45 minutes in class tomorrow to write. This portion of the semester exam will count for five percent of your semester 1 grade.

Tips: Follow these steps to help you write a successful essay...

- **Organize your ideas to create a web or topic outline. You may use only these prewriting notes while writing the essay.**
- *Read the rubric below to familiarize yourself with the grading criteria for this part of the exam.*
- *Create a focused opening that defines your main idea in an interesting way.*
- *Give your essay a clear organization as you write. Make sure it has a beginning, middle, and end. Use transitions to link your ideas as you finish with one thought and begin the next.*
- *Allow yourself enough time to check for grammar, spelling and punctuation errors before turning in your work.*

Grading Rubric:

Area of Focus	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Not Evident
Attention Getting Lead					
Identifies Author and Title					
Thesis Statement					
Strong Topic Sentences					
Includes a Minimum of three Examples with quoted support					
Proper use of grammar skills covered this semester					
Uses Transitions within Paragraphs					
Writes to the Prompt					
Conclusion					