

ST. DOMINIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - ENGLISH III SUMMER READING 2024

To improve and increase your reading and analytical skills, you are required to read and write about two books during the summer as a prerequisite for English III.

**A. READING ASSIGNMENT: Fahrenheit 451** by Ray Bradbury  
**Due: First day of class - remember to bring the book to class.**

**B. WRITING ASSIGNMENT: Fahrenheit 451**  
**Due: First day of class** - Type a 2-3 page response to the text to include the following:

1. A brief summary of the plot.
2. Copy out four quotes from different places in the text.
  - a. Explain the context of each quote (what's happening and why)
  - b. Explain the significance of the quote - what it tells us about the plot, the characters, the themes, setting, or anything else you notice.
3. Analyze at least two themes - such as freedom of speech, censorship, government control, uses of technology and artificial intelligence, or other notable concepts.

**C. READING ASSIGNMENT: Select 1 free choice**

**Due: First day of class**

**Free Choice Book List:**

*A Tree Grows In Brooklyn:* Betty Smith

*Snow Falling On Cedars* - David Guterson

*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* -  
Mark Twain

*My Antonia:* Willa Cather

*Fallen Angels:* Walter Dean Myers

*In Dubious Battle* - John Steinbeck

*Cannery Row* - John Steinbeck

*The Sea Runners* - Ivan Doig

*Solar Storms* - Linda Hogan

*Cold Mountain* - Charles Frazier

*The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Sherman Alexie

**D. WRITING ASSIGNMENT: Free choice book response:**

**Due: First day of class** - Type 2 page response to your free choice text to include the following:

1. Describe what you liked about the text and why.
2. Copy out three quotes from different places in the text
3. Explain the context of each quote (what's happening in the book)
4. Explain what that quote tells us about the character, setting, plot, or something important that is occurring.
5. Describe a major theme in the text.

In a nutshell:

Read <i>Fahrenheit 451</i> - write a 2-3 page response Due: first day of class	Select a free choice book to read, and type a 2 page response. Due: first day of class
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