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***Fahrenheit 451* Webquest**

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**Background**

Explore these websites for information on the kinds of historical censorship Ray Bradbury discusses in *Fahrenheit 451.* Answer each of these questions in a complete sentence. NO PLAGIARISM! Paraphrase (use your own words) to answer each question!

**Step I:**

1. Who is Ray Bradbury?
2. When was Ray Bradbury born? Is he still living?
3. What major life events or ideas may have influenced Ray Bradbury while growing up?

Link: <http://www.raybradbury.com/index.html>

Link: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/need-to-know/the-daily-need/ray-bradbury-1920-2012/13998/>

**Step II: Censorship**

Take the Censorship Quiz and record your score.

Link: <http://www.theguardian.com/books/quiz/2013/sep/26/banned-books-censorship-quiz>

1. Define Censorship
2. What is the earliest attempt of censorship (date and author)?
3. What American right protects books from being banned but not challenged?

According to the statistic chart, what are the top 3\* reasons most books are challenged?

<http://education-portal.com/academy/lesson/book-censorship-history-statistics-quiz.html#lesson>

**Step III: Nazi Book Burning:**

1. What is significant about the date May 10, 1933?
2. In what way might the pictures of book burning images inspire Bradbury to write *Fahrenheit 451?*
3. What effect do you think the burning of books had on the authors whose works were burned?

Link: <http://www.ushmm.org/museum/exhibit/online/bookburning/symbol.php>

Link: <http://www.historyplace.com/worldwar2/timeline/bookburn.htm>

**Step IV: Dystopian Society**:

1. Define the word “dystopian”.
2. What are some important characteristics of a dystopian society?
3. How does a person feel when living in a dystopian society?

http://www.readwritethink.org/files/resources/lesson\_images/lesson926/Def

initionCharacteristics.pdf

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**Step V: McCarthyism and Blacklisting in Hollywood:**

1. Who is Joe McCarthy?
2. What is “McCarthyism”?
3. What does HUAC stand for?
4. What is the significance of Hollywood and Blacklisting?
5. How might it have inspired Bradbury to write Fahrenheit 451?

Link: <http://www.history.com/topics/cold-war/joseph-mccarthy>

Link: <http://www.discoverthenetworks.org/viewSubCategory.asp?id=1216>

Link: <http://www.history.com/this-day-in-history/the-red-scare-comes-to-hollywood>

18-20: How might history have inspired Bradbury to write *Fahrenheit 451*? **(Answer in a one paragraph response.)**

Response: