

Fahrenheit 451--Ms. Danticat

TAG English Language Arts, grade 8

Task Description

After reading and citing (3) noteworthy passages in each chapter of Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury, scholars will select and complete one assignment from the project “menu” provided below.

****You must obtain a hard copy of Fahrenheit 451 to use in class for the first few weeks of school. Please do not expect to use a digital copy of the text.****

Guidelines

Read and carefully annotate Fahrenheit 451, by Ray Bradbury. You should keep all notes about each chapter on post-it notes placed carefully upon book pages, or in an accompanying marble notebook. You are required to identify a minimum of (3) noteworthy passages *per chapter*. Please bring your copy of Fahrenheit 451 and all of your notes to school with you on the first day.

What Should My Notes Include?

Notes should be questions, comments or connections that arise as you are reading. Your notes are ESSENTIAL to this project because they will inspire your project choice, as well as become the focus of our classroom discussions.

Task: Project Details and Menu

After reading and annotating Fahrenheit 451, select and create a “Fahrenheit,” project from the menu below. Please submit your project plan with your completed project.

Fahrenheit 451 Project Menu

<p>1. Write a two-paged essay addressing the prompt: "Fahrenheit 451 remains a timeless novel." Cite a minimum of (3) textually-defended reasons for your position in your paper.</p>	<p>2. Create a "Fahrenheit" storyboard with a minimum of six panes (each 8 ½ x 11 in. pane must contain both illustrations and text).</p>	<p>3. Create a fully illustrated "Fahrenheit" graphic novel containing a minimum of 5 pages.</p>	<p>4. Write, cast and perform a one-act adaptation of a pivotal moment from "Fahrenheit." You must submit your script when the play is performed.</p>	<p>5. Create a 5-10 minute research-based digital presentation about Ray Bradbury.</p>
<p>6. Create 5-10 minute research-based digital presentation about censorship in the U.S.</p>	<p>7. Write an alternate ending to "Fahrenheit," that is at least (2) pages long.</p>	<p>8. Create "costumes" for (3) characters from "Fahrenheit." Include a one-paragraph explanation for design decisions for each character.</p>	<p>9. Write a two-paged essay addressing the prompt: "Fahrenheit 451 accurately depicts our current society."</p>	<p>10. Create a "Fahrenheit," thematic collage including pivotal imagery and text that is approximately 24 x 36 in.</p>

Fahrenheit 451 Project Rubric

	4--MoMA Contender	3--Museum of the City of NY	2--Borough Fair Gallery	1--Future Exhibitionist
Content	Project accurately and vividly represents book plot and characters, including (4) or more textual examples to support opinions/positions. Student uses vocabulary that is complex and varied.	Project accurately represents book plot and characters, including (3) textual examples to support opinions/positions. Student uses vocabulary that is grade-level appropriate.	Project partially represents book plot and characters, including (2) textual examples to support opinions/positions. Student uses vocabulary that is mostly grade-level appropriate.	Project partially represents book plot and characters, but may include fewer than (2) textual examples to support opinions/positions. Student uses vocabulary that is mostly grade-level appropriate.
Voice	Project consistently includes sensory language, and writer adjusts tone to accurately convey meaning when necessary.	Project includes sensory language, and writer adjusts tone to better convey meaning when necessary.	Project does not include sensory language, but writer attempts to adjust tone to accurately convey meaning when necessary.	Project does not include sensory language, nor does writer attempt to adjust tone to accurately convey meaning when necessary.
Mechanics	Project contains fewer than (5) grammatical errors, none of which interfere with comprehension.	Project contains fewer than (10) grammatical errors, none of which interfere with comprehension.	Project contains fewer than (10) grammatical errors, some of which indicate confusion on the part of the student.	Project contains more than (10) grammatical errors, many of which indicate confusion on the part of the student.
Presentation	Project is logically structured and easy to follow. Project is neat, colorful and thoughtfully constructed.	Project is logically structured. Project is neat and colorful.	Project is logically structured and neat.	Project is messy, difficult to follow and reflects little planning/execution.

