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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Packet SWD

**Directions: You must read one of the two books below and complete the multiple choice and short response questions.**

**Book Titles:**

*Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury

*The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

### Book 1. Fahrenheit 451: Multiple Choice Questions

- \_\_\_ 1. The author says 451 degrees Fahrenheit is the temperature at which
- a. wood burns.
  - b. protective gear burns.
  - c. paper burns.
  - d. a house burns.
- \_\_\_ 2. Montag's fire hose sprayed -
- a. gasoline
  - b. diesel fuel
  - c. kerosene
  - d. oil
- \_\_\_ 3. The reader learns that Mildred
- a. has an important job with the government.
  - b. has an active and satisfying social life.
  - c. is unhappy and tries to kill herself.
  - d. has filed for divorce from Montag.
- \_\_\_ 4. Montag shows Mildred the hidden books because he -
- a. is bragging about owning forbidden objects.
  - b. is trying to awaken her mind and save her.
  - c. wants her to help him move the books to a safer place.
  - d. hopes she will show them to other people.
- \_\_\_ 5. Which word does *not* describe Clarisse?
- a. thoughtful
  - b. Talkative
  - c. curious
  - d. conforming
- \_\_\_ 6. The Mechanical Hound injected its victims with
- a. novocaine
  - b. Procaine
  - c. protein
  - d. amino acids

- \_\_\_ 7. The Mechanical Hound is
- programmed to spy for the government
  - perfectly harmless
  - really a drug dealer
  - Montag's pet
- \_\_\_ 8. The reader knows Capt. Beatty is educated because he -
- has an important job at the firehouse.
  - quotes from several books.
  - tells Montag that he graduated from Harvard.
  - is British, which indicates that he is educated.
- \_\_\_ 9. Faber is a retired
- inventor
  - Historian
  - scientist
  - professor
- \_\_\_ 10. Faber considers himself a coward because -
- he ran away from Capt. Beatty.
  - he lied to Mildred about where Montag could be found.
  - he said that books were not impotent.
  - he saw change happening, but did nothing to stop it.
- \_\_\_ 11. Faber gives Montag
- a copy of the Bible so he will have wisdom.
  - a tiny radio for his ear so Faber can coach him.
  - a mini-camera so Faber can see where Montag is.
  - a cloak so Montag can hide from his enemies.
- \_\_\_ 12. The books at Montag's were reported by -
- Mildred
  - Mrs. Phelps
  - Mrs. Bowles
  - all of these
- \_\_\_ 13. In Montag's final confrontation with Capt. Beatty,
- Montag arrests the Captain.
  - the other firemen surround Montag and arrest him.
  - Montag kills the Captain.
  - the Captain arrests Montag.
- \_\_\_ 14. Montag has memorized the Book of

- a. Genesis                      b. Job                      c. Matthew                      d. Ecclesiastes

- \_\_\_ 15. The manhunt for Montag ends when -  
a. Montag is arrested.  
b. Montag escapes to the river and is hidden by the men in the woods.  
c. an innocent man is killed to make the manhunt look successful.  
d. Montag is killed.
- \_\_\_ 16. Montag was safe when he  
a. arrived at the river                      c. arrived at Faber's  
b. got across the highway                      d. destroyed the Hound
- \_\_\_ 17. The men Montag meets in the woods  
a. have memorized books that can be transcribed to save civilization.  
b. are spies from the government.  
c. are draft-dodgers who did not want to fight the war.  
d. are all former firemen who realized that burning books is wrong.
- \_\_\_ 18. After hearing the jets fly overhead, the men  
a. watch a firefight in the sky.  
b. decide to return and defend the city.  
c. hide in a nearby cave to protect themselves from bombs.  
d. watch the city as it is destroyed by bombs.
- \_\_\_ 19. Granger said they should first build  
a. a mirror factory                      c. libraries  
b. Hospitals                      d. Houses
- \_\_\_ 20. When the men start walking back toward the city, Montag  
a. leaves Faber's clothing in the woods.  
b. tells Granger to step aside for a new leader.  
c. becomes the new leader when Granger defers to him.

## **Book Choice 1 Fahrenheit 451: Extended Response**

**Directions: Choose from ONE of the following topics below and write a short response.**

1. The men Montag meets at the end of the story are “living libraries.” How are they preserving the knowledge that their civilization has burned? Why is it important for them to do so? How is that knowledge important to the future?

2. One of the main themes of this novel is the danger of censorship. How has censorship affected this society? Why is it so dangerous? With whom does the power to censor really lie? What lesson can be learned from Fahrenheit 451 for our society today?

### **Guidelines:**

- Your essay must be 4-5 paragraphs
- Your essay must have an introduction and conclusion paragraph
- Your essay must contain textual evidence from the novel
- You must follow proper spelling, punctuation and grammar

## Book 2. Lord of the Flies: Multiple Choice Questions

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. When Ralph raises the subject of Simon's murder, Piggy:

- A) accuses Jack of the murder
- B) insists it was an accident
- C) vows to avenge Simon's death
- D) believes Simon is still alive

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. When asked about Simon's murder, Sam and Eric insist:

- A) they were responsible
- B) Jack was the murderer
- C) they had left the murder scene early
- D) Ralph should have done something to stop it

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. During a fight at night, Ralph unknowingly punches who in the face?

- A) Jack
- B) Piggy
- C) Roger
- D) Eric

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. After the fight, what was stolen from Ralph's group?

- A) the conch
- B) a knife
- C) Piggy's glasses
- D) a glow stick

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. Who becomes the torturer, even the "executioner", for Jack's tribe?

- A) Maurice
- B) Eric
- C) Sam
- D) Roger

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. On a subconscious level, the face paint allowed Jack and his tribe to:

- A) become savages
- B) become grown-ups
- C) become young children
- D) become war soldiers

\_\_\_\_\_7. Piggy was struck and killed by a rock dropped by whom?

- A) Maurice
- B) Jack
- C) Roger
- D) Sam and Eric

\_\_\_\_\_8. Ralph accuses Jack of being:

- A) a child
- B) a thief
- C) a murderer
- D) the monster

\_\_\_\_\_9. At the time of his death. Piggy was holding:

- A) a spear
- B) a torch
- C) his glasses
- D) the conch

\_\_\_\_\_10. Who threw a spear that wounded Ralph's chest?

- A) Roger
- B) Eric
- C) Sam
- D) Jack

\_\_\_\_\_11. At the end of the novel, what member(s) of Jack's tribe does Ralph still trust?

- A) Sam and Eric
- B) Simon
- C) Billy
- D) Maurice

\_\_\_\_\_12. Roger did which of the following in preparation for the hunt of Ralph?

- A) sharpened a stick at both ends
- B) prayed to the Lord of the Flies

- C) built a huge bonfire
- D) vowed his allegiance to Jack

\_\_\_\_\_ 13. As they hunted Ralph, Jack's tribe arranged themselves in:

- A) a circle
- B) a V-shape
- C) a line
- D) randomly

\_\_\_\_\_ 14. As they hunted Ralph, Jack's tribe communicated through:

- A) hand signals
- B) spoken words
- C) a coded shout
- D) cell phones

\_\_\_\_\_ 15. At the end of the novel, the officer said they came to the island because:

- A) they needed a place to train
- B) they saw the smoke
- C) by pure chance
- D) they thought the Russians were there

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. At the end of the novel, after speaking with the officer, Ralph:

- A) laughs
- B) accuses Jack of murder
- C) sleeps
- D) weeps

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. When the officer asks, "who is boss here?", who replies "I am"?

- A) Ralph
- B) Jack
- C) Sam and Eric
- D) Roger True or False

## **Book Choice Lord of the Flies 2: Extended Response**

**Directions: Choose from ONE of the following topics below and write a short response.**

1. Describe the role of the "beast" in the novel. How is the idea of the beast used differently by individual characters? How is it symbolic?
2. Discuss William Golding's assertion that "no one is innocent, not even children." How does the novel depict human nature? Are human innately good or evil?

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