



St. Vincent Ferrer High School English Department
Summer Reading Assignment for Sophomores
September 2019



American literature explores many wonderful topics such as the American dream, alienation, and coming of age. This assignment is meant to assist you in getting into this mind set before your sophomore year. You are required to read the following books:

- *Fahrenheit 451* (Ray Bradbury) Reading is a crime and firemen burn books in this futuristic society.
- *The Five People You Meet in Heaven* (Mitch Albom) Who are the five people that have impacted Eddie? Find out!

As you read these novels, be sure to annotate the text. Take note of key plot points, key elements of characterization, and key themes you develop. We will have a class discussion in September.

Formatting Written Responses: All your responses must be typed and follow the standard format for typed work: Times New Roman font, double-spaced, font size 12, one-inch margins all around, and the following heading in your header:

Your Name
Date

English 10
Title of the Assignment

Assignment #1: Create a Book Jacket

After reading the book, create a book cover for *Fahrenheit 451* with an 8"x11" page or cardstock. Your cover must be an **ORIGINAL** piece. You may not use previously made covers that are online. This should either be hand-drawn or done through an illustration program such as Adobe Illustrator. The front cover should include the book title, the author's name, and your name. Inside of your cover, you must include a paragraph (roughly 8-10 well developed sentences) explaining the choices you made for your cover. You are more than welcome to exceed 10 sentences, but it cannot exceed the space you have inside the cover. Use your space wisely! On the back cover, include 10 vocabulary words you did not know that were mentioned in the book. List them in alphabetical order with their usages and definitions.

Assignment #2: Diary Entry

Write a diary from the perspective of one of the characters from *The Five People You Meet in Heaven*. You may choose a major or minor character. Your diary must have 5 entries. Each entry must be detailed. Try to capture the voice of the character. Get inside the character's head—What is he/she thinking? What is he/she worried about? What questions does this character have?

Due Date: First week of school

Reminders: Do not plagiarize your work from the internet or from another student. **BE CREATIVE!**

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER! ☺