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***Fahrenheit 451* -- Book Notes for Part 1**

Major Characters:

- Guy Montag: fireman; begins to change and not enjoy his job; takes books from fires
- Mildred Montag: Guy Montag's wife; selfish; doesn't pay attention to anything but her tv
- Clarisse McClellan: Montag's neighbor; different because she likes to take walks, think, and talk to people; forced to go to a psychiatrist because she isn't like other teens
- Captain Beatty: fire chief; Montag's boss; tries to make Montag agree with the firemen again

Setting(s):

- In a future time period from the perspective of the 1950s; America; big city; Montag's house; the fire station

Conflict(s): Are they internal or external?

- Montag doesn't know if he wants to stay a fireman; internal
- Montag and Mildred don't have a good marriage; external
- Burning the woman and her home; external
- Books being censored and having government control; external
- Montag and Beatty; external
- Death of Clarisse; external

Important Events:

- At the beginning, Montag is happy burning books.
- Montag meets Clarisse.
- Mildred overdoses on sleeping pills.
- Mechanical Hound responds to Montag and frightens him.
- The old woman decides to die with her books.
- Beatty comes to see Montag to explain the history of the firemen.
- Montag shows Mildred the books he's stolen and he starts to read.

Theme(s)/Lessons:

- The effect of mass media
- The role of censorship in society
- Conformity vs. individuality
- Distraction vs. happiness
- The dangers of technology
- The decay of human relationships

Technology:

- Seashell radios/airpods
- Bluetooth earpiece for calls
- Door opening with fingerprints
- Mechanical hound
- Fast cars
- Monorail/air powered subways