

English 10 • FAHRENHEIT 451 • Note-Taking and Summarizing

FOR SOME STUDENTS, reading can be a difficult, tedious task. Part of the problem is that many students do not have the tools to read for meaning, and become disinterested because they cannot follow the action or do not understand, or cannot relate to, the events or the characters. To develop good reading habits, there are a few steps that you can take which will help you to understand and appreciate what you are reading.

SUPPLEMENT YOUR ANNOTATIONS by doing the following.

AS YOU READ each section of **FAHRENHEIT 451**:

- * **Question** — *Ask yourself*, where is this story or scene, etc. taking place? What has happened before this? Who are the people involved? What do I not understand? What do I need to re-read? What do I need my teacher to clarify? Do the Comprehension Check questions or answers leave you with more questions or problems you need to clarify? Use this section to ask those questions.
- * **Connection** — *Try to relate to the events or characters* in what you are reading. Has this or something like this ever happened to you? How did you handle this situation? Have you ever known a person like any of the characters? What other situations come to mind when reading? Why? Are there any lessons or themes you have seen before?

AFTER YOU READ each section of **FAHRENHEIT 451**:

- * **Comprehension Check Notes** — Use this space to write notes about important points from the Comprehension Check questions for each section.
- * **Summarize** — *Break down* the most important information, details, or events of the story. Retell the events of the story in your own words.
- * **Predict** — *Try to make a guess or prediction* as to what may happen next in the novel. This will help you to stay focused on what you read next, as you try to unravel the story. What will happen next? What effect will this event have on those involved?
- * **Reflect** — *Think about why* you are reading the story. What do you think is the theme? What have you learned so far? Why are you reading this particular text in school? Do you like the story? Why or why not? Would you want to read or learn more about this author/genre/topic? Why or why not?

TO HELP YOU become a more successful reader, you will be completing an activity for each section of **FAHRENHEIT 451**. Each activity is designed to help you understand the action, conflict, and those involved in the story, and to eventually appreciate the author's reasons for writing the novel. Below is a sample of the chart you will be completing.

Question	In this space, write the names of the people involved, as well as where and when the story is taking place. Next, write down questions you have about the novel, and any questions about the reading that you do not understand and/or would like your teacher to clarify. Do the Comprehension Check questions or answers leave you with more questions or problems you need to clarify?
Connect	In this space, write down anything that you find familiar: either a situation you have experienced, a character that reminds you of someone, or an event from the story that is similar to something you have already read.
Comprehension Check Notes	Use this space to write notes about important points from the Comprehension Check questions for each section.
Summarize	Retell, in your own words, the action and important details of your reading. Your summary should not be more than about one paragraph, or 5-7 sentences long.
Predict	In this space, write your prediction of what you think will happen next. What effect will this event have on those involved?
Reflect	In this space, write down any quotes, sayings, or moments that affect you in some way. So far, what do you think is the reason the author wrote this novel? Are there any themes you recognize? Do you like the novel so far? Why or why not? What changes could be made so that you understand or connect with the novel better? What else would you like to learn about this author/genre/topic?

Question	
Connect	
Comprehension Check Notes	
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Predict	
Reflect	

Name _____ Period _____

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Question	
Connect	
Comprehension Check Notes	
Summarize	
Predict	
Reflect	

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Question	
Connect	
Comprehension Check Notes	
Summarize	
Predict	
Reflect	