Grade 8: English Summer work 2023

Reading: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury
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Students are to complete the tasks below and submit them on the first day of classes in September.

A. Read and annotate *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury (required)

1. Themes/major ideas-
   - *What ideas does the book explore?*
   - *What new understanding about life and humanity does the author want you to take away from this book?*
   - *Indicate your thoughts in the margin of the text.*

2. Plot- highlight the major stages of the plot.
   - *What type of conflict is developed?* Here are the possibilities: conflict between individuals; conflict between an individual and Nature; conflict between an individual and him/herself; conflict between an individual and society; conflict between an individual and the Divine (god(s) of some kind).

3. Unfamiliar vocabulary (and look up the definitions)

4. Have a conversation with the text. Record your responses to the text -- make connections to other texts you’ve read (text-text); to aspects of your experience (text-self); and to issues going on in the world (text-world).

B. Choose one (1) of the following activities to complete:

1. Locate 5 quotations from the novel that you found extremely powerful. Write them down and cite the page number. Why is the quotation important? How does it relate to you and your life, community, and/or school?

2. Create a list of themes you have learned from this book. Which theme should be addressed in America today to make the society better? Use examples from the book and statistics or articles from current events to support your theme choice.