

Instructions

Read the following excerpts from "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. After reading, answer the questions that follow. Be thoughtful in your responses, using evidence from the text when possible.

Excerpt 1:

"It was a pleasure to burn. It was a pleasure to drive the big, firetruck, and to open up the black, leathery cover of a book and watch it burn."

Questions:

1. What emotions does the protagonist associate with burning books?

2. How does this perspective reflect the society depicted in the book?

Excerpt 2:

"You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them."

Questions:

1. Discuss the significance of this quote. What does it imply about knowledge and culture?

2. In your opinion, is this idea relevant in today's society? Why or why not?

Excerpt 3:

"Montag, you're a fireman. You're not supposed to be thinking. You're supposed to be burning."

Questions:

1. What does this statement reveal about the expectations placed on individuals within the society?

2. How does this challenge the concept of free will?

Creative Task:

Imagine you are living in a society similar to that of "Fahrenheit 451." Write a short letter (150-200 words) to a friend explaining why you think books are still important, despite the prevailing attitude towards them in your society.