**Fahrenheit 451 Censorship Activity**

**Due: Tuesday, January 26, 2016**

In order to read and appreciate Ray Bradbury’s novel *Fahrenheit 451*, it is important to understand the issue of censorship. Central questions surrounding this issue include

* What is censorship?
* What are some examples of censorship in history and currently?
* What are some types of censorship?
* Who censors?
* Why do some people support censorship?
* Why are some people against censorship?

In you small group, each person should research one or two of the questions above and take notes on that research. While taking notes, be sure to include information about where you found your information to include in works cited. Also, as you research, if you find any other issues or topics related to censorship, you may take notes on that as well to include in your final summation. The information your group acquires should be assembled into a “fact sheet” about censorship. The questions listed above **must be addressed** in the fact sheet. You should use at least three sources to compile information. There also needs to be a section called “Works Cited” which lists the copyright information for the resources your group used to assemble the fact sheet. You may also include graphics in your fact sheet if you wish; just be sure to include credit for the graphics in the works cited section. You may use any program you wish to assemble the fact sheet – Prezi, Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, or Publisher. Please **DO NOT** simply write an essay about censorship! A fact sheet should be concise, informative, and authoritative. It should also be visually appealing and “user friendly” (read: neatly organized on the page). If you want, you may use the websites listed below as resources:

<http://www.firstamendmentcenter.org/>

<http://www.ncac.org/>

<http://www.aclu.org/>

<http://www.ncac.org/index.html>

<http://www.fair.org/index.html>

<http://www.article19.org/>

<http://www.rcfp.org/handbook/index.html>

The fact sheet will be graded using a rubric, which you will be able to see prior to completing your fact sheet. The fact sheet is worth a quiz grade (100 points) and everyone in the group will receive the same grade unless extenuating circumstances exist.

Please cite references included in your fact sheet using MLA format (Modern Language Association).

More information about the MLA format can be found at: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

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