

**English II Pre-AP
Summer 2009 Reading Assignment
Teacher: Karen Otto**

You will need to purchase the following two books:

***Edith Hamilton's Mythology*
*Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451***

Both of these can be purchased at Barnes & Noble and Borders.

ASSIGNMENT #1:

- Read *Fahrenheit 451*- Ray Bradbury.
- Write an essay on the following prompt:
Fahrenheit 451 is one of the many books you will read in English II Pre-AP which is considered to be social commentary. Write a well-organized essay explaining what/who in our society Ray Bradbury criticizes and what methods he uses to convey his views.

Essay Requirements:

- 2-3 pages, typed, 12 point font, Times New Roman or Arial (MLA format!)
- Must have minimum of four quotes from the novel, embedded into your essay as textual support.
- No outside sources needed. *Fahrenheit 451* will be your only source.
- This assignment will be graded using the attached rubric.

Due Dates:

- Mythology questions and *Fahrenheit 451* essay are due August 26th "A" day and August 27th "B" day.
- Test over both books- the week of September 7-11
- Both assignments will count as two separate grades and are individual assignments. No group work!

ASSIGNMENT #2:

- Read *Edith Hamilton's Mythology*.
- Complete questions. See attached packet.
Note: I will not grade/check Part One, Chapter 1 (identification of the gods), but you will be tested on this information when you take the test the week of September 7-11.

Both assignments are also posted on my website- www.theottozone.com
On my website, you can also find notes, which you may find useful in writing the essay.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at ottok@cisdmail.com. I check my email at least once a day and will respond promptly to you (unless I am out of town).

Remember: I want to see how *you* interpret the books. Do not consult any secondary sources such as Spark Notes or Cliff's Notes, etc. or their online equivalents.