

**Fahrenheit 451** Summarize by Section

Summarizing a text can be made easier by answering the 5Ws: *Who? What? When? Where?* and *Why?* Complete this chart for each section of *Fahrenheit 451*. Make sure to remain objective as you answer each question.

The Hearth and the Salamander

Who?	
What?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	

The Sieve and the Sand

Who?	
What?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	

Burning Bright

Who?	
What?	
When?	
Where?	
Why?	

RL.9-10.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze in detail its development over the course of the text, including how it emerges and is shaped and refined by specific details; provide an objective summary of the text.

Answer Key

Sample Student Response

Who?	Guy Montag, a fireman Mildred Montag, Guy's wife Captain Beatty, Guy's boss Clarisse McClellan, Guy's teenage neighbor
What?	Montag meets Clarisse and realizes he's unhappy. Mildred tries to kill herself. On one raid of books, an old woman chooses to be burned with her books. Montag steals books and stays home sick from work. Beatty visits Montag at home and explains why they burn books. Montag and Mildred begin to read the books.
When?	a time in the distant future Events of this section take place over a few weeks.
Where?	an American town or city the fire station Montag's street Montag's house
Why?	Books are banned in this society, and it is the job of firemen to burn them. Clarisse notices nature and is interested in socializing with people, which makes Montag realize how antisocial and dissatisfied everyone else is. Beatty gives several reasons for why books are banned, including that people are not interested in them and books contradict each other. Guy wants to know what is so important in books that could make the old woman want to kill herself.