



Fahrenheit 451

Theme: The Natural World Versus Technology

As you read *Fahrenheit 451*, pay attention to how each of the main characters treats both the natural world and technology, including how his or her views of the natural world and technology change throughout the novel. Complete the chart with your observations, then answer the question below.

Character	The Natural World	Technology
Guy Montag	Montag at first cannot remember if he knew there was dew on the grass in the mornings. He does not pay attention to his surroundings on his walk home.	Montag initially appreciates technology, but after meeting Clarisse, he grows disgusted by the parlor walls and constant advertisements.
Mildred Montag		
Clarisse McClellan		
Captain Beatty		
Professor Faber		

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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

What do the different characters' treatments of the natural world versus technology tell you about how the two are related?

Characters who appreciate the natural world are also interested in books and thinking for themselves, while characters who value technology more see no use for nature. The characters who prefer technology are less likely to be critical thinkers and are more likely to be unhappy or dissatisfied.