**Name: Section: Date:**

***Fahrenheit 451 Vocabulary***

**Set 2**

**patronage (noun)** financial support given to an individual or organization

 *“The old man admitted to being a retired English Professor who had been thrown out upon the world forty years ago when the last liberal arts college shut for lack of students and* ***patronage****.”*

Located: 77

**skepticism (noun)** an attitude of doubting the truth of something

*“But with all my knowledge and* ***skepticism,*** *I have never been able to argue with a one-hundred-piece symphony orchestra, full color, three dimensions, and being in and part of these incredible parlors.”*

Located: 86

**insidious (adjective)** sly, clever, crafty; often includes danger, possible harm. Describes a situation that does not happen fast

 *“It’s an* ***insidious*** *plan, if I do say so myself.”*

Located: 88

**centrifuge (noun)** any of various rotating devices for subjecting human beings or animals to varying accelerations for experimental purposes

 *“Our civilization is flinging itself to pieces. Stand back from the* ***centrifuge.****”*

Located: 90

**retain (verb)** to keep in one’s memory

*“They say you* ***retain*** *knowledge even when you’re sleeping.”*

Located: 95

**invigorated (verb)** past tense of invigorate - to have been given strength and energy to do something

 *“I must admit that your blind raging* ***invigorated*** *me.”*

Located: 106

**intoxicate (verb)** to make someone unable to think and behave normally, with diminished physical and mental control. Sometimes, to excite or please someone in a way that suggests the effects of alcohol

 *“A little learning is a dangerous thing. Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian Spring; There shallow draughts* ***intoxicate*** *the brain, and drinking largely sobers us again.”*

Located: 108

**dignity (noun)** the state or quality of being worthy of honor or respect.

 *“The* ***dignity*** *of truth is lost with much protesting.”*

Located: 109

**rebut (verb)** claim or prove that (evidence or an accusation) is false.

 *“’Oh, you were scared silly,’ said Beatty, ‘for I was doing a terrible thing in using the very books you clung to, to* ***rebut*** *you on every hand, on every point.’”*

Located: 110

**tyranny (noun)** cruel and oppressive rule; unreasonable, or arbitrary use of power or control.

 *“Oh God, the terrible* ***tyranny*** *of the majority.”*

Located: 111

**perfunctorily (adverb)** describes an action being performed merely as a routine duty; hasty and superficial. Done in an unenthusiastic, indifferent, apathetic way.

 *“He glanced* ***perfunctorily*** *at it and shoved it in his pocket.”*

Located: 111

***PART THREE***

**perpetual (adjective)** ongoing, continual, enduring forever; everlasting

 *“It’s* ***perpetual*** *motion; the thing man wanted to invent but never did.”*

Location:  117

**raving (adj)** talking wildly; delirious; frenzied

 *“*

Location:  121

**writhing (verb)** to twist the body about, or squirm, as in pain, violent effort, etc.

 *And then he was a shrieking blaze, a jumping, sprawling gibbering manikin, no longer human or known, all writhing in flame on the lawn as Montag shot one continuous pulse of liquid fire on him.*

Location:  121

**clad (verb)** past tense and past participle of the action of dressing oneself in [cloth](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/clothe)ing

Location: 122

**plummeting (verb)** falling or dropping straight down at a high speed

Location:  127

**quarry (noun)** any object of search, pursuit or attack, an animal or bird being hunted or pursued

Location:  134

**gingerly (adverb)** with great care or caution

Location:  149

**scapegoat (noun)** a person or group made to [bear](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/bear) the blame for others or to suffer in their place

Location:  150

**incriminate (verb) to** cause to be or to appear to be guilty; to implicate

Location:  154

**incessantly (adverb )** constantly, ceaselessly, interminably and usually unpleasantly

Location:  164