***Fahrenheit 451* Cloze Notes on Dystopia**

**What is a dystopia?**

A dystopia is an imaginary society full of oppression and control that serves as a commentary on some aspect of our own Society.

**Characteristics of a Dystopian Society**

* Propaganda is used to control the citizens of society.
* Information, independent thought, and freedom are restricted.
* A figurehead or concept is worshipped by the citizens of the society.
* Citizens are perceived to be under constant surveillance.
* Citizens have a fear of the outside world.
* Citizens live in a dehumanized state.
* The natural world is banished and distrusted.
* Citizens conform to uniform expectations. Individuality and dissent are bad.
* The society is an illusion of a perfect utopian world.

**Types of Dystopian Controls**

* Corporate control: Society is controlled by corporations through products, advertising, and the media
* Bureaucratic control: Society is controlled by endless regulations and

incompetent government officials

* Technological control: Society is controlled by technology or science.
* Philosophical / Religious control: Society is controlled by the ideology of the government officials

**Journal - Fahrenheit 451**

Directions: Using pen, write at least a 1 page response to

the following journal prompt. You may write in first person.

Many people read this novel as a book about censorship; even Bradbury’s authorized biographer refers to it as such, but Bradbury himself, however, has insisted that it is a story about how television destroys interest in reading literature.

To what extent do you think television has destroyed society’s interest in reading?

To what extent does television impact your own

interest in reading?