*1984/Fahrenheit 451* Unit Essay (DRAFT DOCUMENT)

Develop a specific argument ("thesis") regarding one of the following topics. Support with about five cited sets of evidence and effective inferences. Cite using MLA format, and organize with effective structure, development, and paragraphing.

**A. Totalitarianism and rebellion**

What aspects of totalitarianism can you identify in the methods of the regime? What forms of rebellion does the novel promote to topple oppressive powers?

**B. Transhumanism**

How do people or powers try to transcend their state through science and technology? What is the novel's tone regarding scientific innovation versus natural evolution and conditioning?

**C. Aspects of the "cautionary tale"**

What is the novel warning us against? What aspects of social and political life does the author wish to make us aware of?

**D. Heroic Journey**

How does Montag's story reflect the traditional model of the heroic journey? (Refer to the class handout of the Twelve-Step Journey.)