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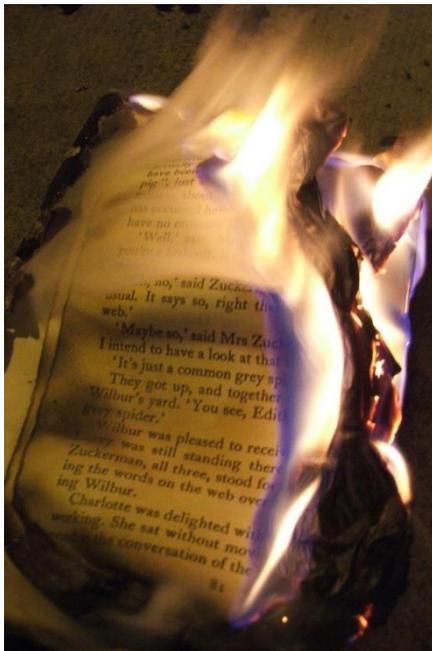
The Giver Synthesis Activity: Fahrenheit 451

Directions: Read each passage aloud with your group and discuss the questions that go along with each passage. Record the ideas from your discussion here. You will be sharing one idea from your discussion with the whole class.

In *Fahrenheit 451*, Montag is a fireman that must burn books rather than put out fire. When books are found in the society, the fire fighters burn them so no one else can read them. The following passage is Montag discussing some issues he has found in this job.

“Last night I thought about all the kerosene I’ve used in the past ten years. And I thought about books. And for the first time I realized that a man was behind each one of the books. A man had to think them up. A man had to take a long time to put them down on paper. And I’d never even thought that thought before.” He got out of bed. “It took some man a lifetime maybe to put some of his thoughts down, looking around at the world and life, and then I came along in two minutes and boom! It’s all over.”

--*Fahrenheit 451*, Ray Bradbury



Discussion Questions:

- Using specific evidence from the text, what does Montag realize about the power and fear associated with books?

- How does Montag’s realization compare with what Jonas realizes in *The Giver*?

