Fahrenheit 451 - Discussion Prompt

"The Hearth and the Salamander"

Name: _____ E2, P: _____, Date: _____

Prompt: Captain Beatty tells Montag that firemen exist to be "custodians of peace of mind" and to stand against "those who want to make everyone unhappy with conflicting theory and thought." How well are the firemen accomplishing these objectives? Are conflicting ideas the only source of unhappiness in their society? What other sources could there be? How might conflicting ideas exist even without books? Why create rules to eliminate "conflicting theory and thought"?

Directions: Discuss this prompt in your groups. Refer to the novel, as well as your own opinions and experiences, for support. Be sure to respond to all parts of the prompt. Afterward, write a thorough, detailed summary of your group's discussion below. Use the back of this paper if you need more space.

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