**Fahrenheit 451 Vocabulary Lists**

**List #1**

**Phoenix** (6) – mythical bird that burns itself and rises from the ashes

**Marionette** (11) – puppet manipulated from above by strings attached to its joints

**Pulverized** (14) – to reduce to dust or powder (by pounding or grinding)

**Stratum** (14) – a layer of material, often one of a number of parallel layers one upon another

**Contrasedative** (16) – against something tending to calm or soothe (contra=against, sed=sit)
List #2

Olfactory (25) – pertaining to the sense of smell

Proboscis (25) – protruding mouth part, adapted for sucking or piercing (like a mosquito)

Morphine (25) – pain reliever or sedative

Procaine (25) – local and spinal anesthetic

Ballistics (26) – science of projectiles such as bullets, shells, or bombs

Trajectory (26) – the curve described by a projectile in flight

Proclivities (33) – natural inclinations or tendencies; predisposition

Odious (35) – deserving hatred or highly offensive:

The opposite of Sarai yates.

Centrifuge (45) – device that rotates at high speeds and separates substances
Cacophony (45) – harsh discordance of sound; dissonance

Luminescent (48) – emission of light

Feigning (50) – faking or imitating deceptively

List #3

Pratfall (56) – humiliating blunder or defeat

Intellectual (58) – possessing or showing mental capacity; an academic type

Theremin (61) – musical instrument with electronic tone generation

Cadence (75) – rhythm

Suffused (76) – saturated

Retaliate (79) – strike back
List #4

Intuitively (83) – knowing without reasoning

Insidious (86) – cunning

Welter (90) – movement

Contemptible (91) – despicable and vile

Subaudible (95) – barely able to be heard

Ruinous (96) – causing destruction

Quavered (98) – spoke with a trembling voice

Manifested (105) – revealed

Parried (106) – returned a defense (often verbal)

Rebut (107) – disprove

Beatific (107) – happy and peaceful

Perfunctory (108) – mechanical

Phosphorescent (110) – glowing
List #5

Incomprehensible (114) – impossible to understand

Liquefaction (119) – process of becoming a liquid

Fugitive (124) – a person fleeing from pursuit

Quarry (133) – prey

Phantom (133) – apparition or ghost

Limned (134) – painted or drawn

Grotesque (134) – ugly
List #6

Juggernaut (140) – massive destructive force or object

Pedants (153) – people who make a display of scholarly learning

Status quo (157) – an unchanging state; the way things are or expected to be

Incessantly (162) – unceasing, unending