Fahrenheit 451 Part 3: “Burning Bright”

Summary (pages 107 - 119)
- Mildred and her friends called in the alarm
- Mildred ignores Montag and leaves in a cab
- He burns down the house with a flamethrower directed by Captain Beatty
- Beatty continues to attack Montag with words, Faber directs him to run; Montag tries but is stopped by Captain Beatty, who discovers the ear radio
- Montag kills Beatty with the flamethrower and runs
- Montag is disabled temporarily by the Mechanical Hound
- He retrieves some books from the yard and goes to Faber’s
- Montag is scared and sad, but did not want to kill anyone, now he is a wanted fugitive

Fahrenheit 451 Summary (pages 119 – 130)
- Radios report “war has been declared” as Montag washes up at a gas station
- Crossing the vast boulevard Montag is nearly killed by a speeding car
- He hides books in the kitchen of fireman Black’s house
- At Faber’s house, Montag gives him money, the two men watch as a new mechanical hound is shown on TV; it will hunt Montag
- Montag and Faber try to cover Montag’s scent as Montag runs towards the river

Fahrenheit 451 Summary (pages 130 – 138)
- As Montag runs through the streets and alleys he looks in windows of houses to see the Hound chasing him in the TV parlors
- Faber’s house is passed by and Montag makes it to the river just in time
- He uses the river and Faber’s old clothes to mask his scent
- He thinks of Millie, remembers sleeping in a barn loft as a boy and enjoys being out of the city
- Montag finds the old railroad tracks

Fahrenheit 451 Summary (pages 138-148)
- Montag finds a group of men around a fire; they welcome him
- With a portable battery TV, they watch the helicopters and the Hound catch “Montag,” an innocent man out for a walk
- Montag meets the men and learns that they each hold a book in their memory; there are thousands like them

Fahrenheit 451 Summary (pages 148-158)
- The city is bombed, completely destroyed
- Montag thinks of Millie and Faber; Faber is on a bus, Millie may be in a hotel room watching the TV walls
- Granger comforts Montag with some life lessons his grandfather taught him
- The shock wave from the bomb reaches the men, knocks them down
- The men cook and share some bacon for breakfast, then begin walking
- Montag remembers details of Ecclesiastes, plans to share it with the men later