

Agenda:

Focus: Close reading
and group discussion

The Veldt - discussion questions/group work
Censorship

Homework: Read and annotate the first 40 pages in F451

Class Discussion

Work in groups of four; each group will write on the sheet provided and post on the wall

1. What happened to George and Lydia in the room? How is this possible?
1. The story ends in violence and death. Would you call it an accident, or murder? Who is most responsible for what happened? Who is innocent? How could this ending have been avoided? Give quotes as evidence.
2. Why did Bradbury choose these names for his 5 characters? Especially pay attention to the children's names.
3. Authors often put their own ideas in the voice of a character. Which character speaks for Ray Bradbury? Why do you say that? Explain the message of this story: what was Bradbury trying to say? Is the story a warning?
4. Is "The Veldt" still applicable today?

These answers go on the large paper! Use complete sentences to make it coherent!

What's the warning?
The social commentary?

What is censorship?

Fahrenheit 451, at its heart, explores the idea of censorship. Censorship is defined as the practice of limiting or destroying the information that people receive.

In groups, fill out the KWHL chart

~~Think about the following:~~

- What is censorship and how would it be manifested today?
- What kinds of things have been censored? (think personally as well as globally)
- What are the reasons given for censoring things?

political gain
protection

1. George and Lydia got killed by the lions. We believe that the nursery wanted to keep the children to themselves and took the parent like instinct and killed the biological parents. Also, the kids wished upon their actual parents death.

1.2 We think that the nursery and children are responsible for the parents death, the psychologist is innocent in this situation. The ending could've been avoided if the parents didn't spoil their kids and if the nursery wasn't created. "this room is their mother & father." is the quote that supports the idea that if the parents were more loving towards their kids the ending could've been avoided.

2. "Wendy" & "Peter" are from Peter Pan.

1. The lions came alive and ate them alive. The story takes place in the future and there's a portal. The children's imagination became so vivid that the lions came alive.

1. The Story would be a murder. The parents are most responsible because they never taught their kids what punishment was. The psychologist is the most innocent. If they hadn't turned on the house & they had been more assertive in their kids' lives.

2. The kid's names were Wendy and Peter, 2 characters from Peter Pan. In the story they have a good imagination, just like the Peter Pan story.

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