FAHRENHEIT 451 ESSAY

Prompt: Does mass media (news, advertising, social media, etc.) have a positive or negative influence on the life of an American teenager? Explain specific influences that support your opinion, and address a counterclaim.

Directions: Respond to the prompt in an essay of at least 5 paragraphs (at least 2 full pages). BE SPECIFIC. Refer to our discussion about Fahrenheit 451: technology, entertainment, books, societal views, human interaction, propaganda, censorship, individuality/conformity, etc.

In your essay, you must include at least 3 DIRECT quotations from the novel to defend your claim or to address the counterclaim. Your essay must be in MLA format:
- Double spacing
- 1 inch margins
- Font Size 12
- Font Style Times New Roman
- Name and page number in the header
- MLA Heading on page 1
- In-text citations
- Work(s) Cited Page
- Introduction (with Thesis), Body, and Conclusion Paragraphs

Submitting your Essay:
You will have a chance to draft and edit your essay in class, but class time will be limited. Whatever you cannot complete in class must be completed for homework. Do NOT print this essay out. Share it with me through Google Docs. Make sure you allow me to EDIT it. I will make comments throughout your essay. For this essay, you may resubmit revisions for a better grade.

(See Grading Checklist on BACK -->)
GRADING CHECKLIST

MLA Formatting Correctness: ____/10 pts
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   ____/3 Works Cited Page

Content: ____/50 pts
   ____/5 Hook
   ____/5 Context
   ____/5 Thesis
   ____/5 Transitions
   ____/5 Topic Sentences (Claim)
   ____/5 Evidence (Quotations)
   ____/10 Explication (Defense)
   ____/5 Summary/Wrap-up
   ____/5 Zinger

Style and Organization: ____/20 pts
   ____/5 Correctness/Validity
   ____/5 Voice (no parroting)
   ____/5 Tone (formal)
   ____/5 Flow (2-3-1 Style)

Conventions: ____/10 pts
   ____/3 Spelling
   ____/3 Complete sentences
   ____/2 Punctuation
   ____/2 Variety

Source Inclusion: ____/10 pts
   ____/6 At least 3 direct quotations from the novel
   ____/4 Well chosen quotations

TOTAL: ____/100