Find a quote from each of these characters that shows their reaction to the poem.

Millie:

Mrs. Bowles:

Mrs. Phelps:

Who or what do these women represent in the society of Fahrenheit 451?

Does the way that the women react to the poem confirm what Captain Beatty said?

Why do you think the women react so strongly to the poem?

In chapter 1, Beatty says:

“The bigger your market, Montag, the less you handle controversy, remember that! All the minor minor minorities with their navels to be kept clean. Authors, full of evil thoughts, lock up your typewriters. *They did…* It didn’t come from the Government down. There was no dictum, no declaration, no censorship, to start with, no! Technology, mass exploitation, and minority pressure carried the trick, thank God.
… We must all be alike. Not everyone born free and equal, as the Constitution says, but everyone *made* equal.”

But in chapter 2, Faber says this about Beatty:

“… remember that the Captain belongs to the most dangerous enemy to truth and freedom, the solid unmoving cattle of the majority. Oh, God, the terrible tyranny of the majority.”

What characters represent the majority in Fahrenheit 451? Why do you think they’re in the majority?

What characters represent the minority in Fahrenheit 451? Why do you think they’re in the minority?

Based on your answers, who do you think is more right, Beatty or Faber? Justify your answer.

In the *Ithica Voice* interview, a new program to report microaggressions on campus is discussed. Keeping in mind what Beatty and Faber say about how censorship started, and how it’s mostly self-enforcing, how do you think the following characters would respond to the article?

Montag:

Captain Beatty:

Faber:

Millie: