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Fahrenheit 451 Study Guide

1. The main character of this story is known largely by his last name. Even his wife calls him Montag more often than she uses his first name. What is Mr. Montag's first name? _____
2. Early into the story, Montag meets someone who will become very important to him. Whom does he meet? _____
3. Montag's new acquaintance tells him what about firemen? _____
4. Who or what is frequently known as "the relatives" or "the family"? _____
5. Who or what at the firehouse is Montag most scared of? _____
6. What does Mrs. Montag not remember doing? _____
7. What is believed to be the reason Montag no longer sees Clarisse McClellan? _____
8. What happens to cause Montag to want to claim to be too sick to go to work? _____
9. While Captain Beatty is discussing Montag's "sickness," what does Mrs. Montag discover and nearly display before Montag's boss? _____
10. What does Montag have hidden behind the grill of an air-conditioning vent? _____
11. When Montag looks for someone to turn to for help with his new rebellious spirit, who does he seek out? _____
12. Who / What does Montag call the "green bullet"? _____
13. What is Montag's plan to stop the burning of books? _____
14. What does Montag do to cause the firemen to be called to his own house? _____
15. After burning his own home and listening to Captain Beatty's taunts, what does Montag do? _____
16. While running from the Hound, media, and official authorities, whom does Montag turn to for help? _____
17. To hide himself and his scent from the following Hound, Montag runs to the river. After allowing himself to be carried downstream, what does Montag begin looking for? _____
18. Montag meets new allies outside of the city. They are Granger, Fred Clement, Dr. Simmons, Professor West, and Reverend Padover, but they know one another also by what? _____
19. How does the televised chase for the fugitive Montag end? _____
20. As the men move on to the next city, what happens? _____

Be prepared to explain each of the following quotes.

21. "So it was the hand that started it all...His hands had been infected, and soon it would be his arms...His hands were ravenous."

22. "Play the man, Master Ridley; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust shall never be put out."

23. "There is no terror, Cassius, in your threats, for I am arm'd so strong in honesty that they pass me as an idle wind, which I respect not!"

24. The sun burnt every day. It burnt Time...Time was busy burning the years and the people anyway, without any help from him. So if he burnt things with the firemen and the sun burnt Time, that meant that everything burnt!"

25. We're nothing more than dust jackets for books, of no significance otherwise."

26. "...We're going to build a mirror factory first and put out nothing but mirrors for the next year and take a long look in them."

What is the motivation for each of the following characters?

- 27. Montag -
- 28. Mildred -
- 29. Beatty -
- 30. Clarisse -

Be prepared to discuss the following quote in detail.

31. "You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture; you just have to get people to stop reading them." -Ray Bradbury