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Test Study Guide

Fahrenheit 451

Mrs. Hawke | English

Part 1: Vocabulary

Part 2: Questions from reading quizzes

Part 3: Quotations. Explain who said it (if applicable), what is happening at the time, what it means, and its importance to the story.

1. "Not everyone born free and equal, as the Constitution says, but everyone made equal. Each man the image of every other; then all are happy, for there are no mountains to make them cower, to judge themselves against."
2. "Forget them. Burn all, burn everything. Fire is bright and fire is clean."
3. "Go home and think of your first husband divorced and your second husband killed in a jet and your third husband blowing his brains out, go home and think of the dozen abortions you've had, go home and think of that and your damn Caesarian sections, too, and your children who hate your guts! Go home and think how it all happened and what did you ever do to stop it?"
4. "[Fire's] real beauty is that it destroys responsibility and consequences. A problem gets too burdensome, then into the furnace with it. Now, Montag, you're a burden. And fire will lift you off my shoulders, clean, quick, sure; nothing to rot later."
5. "You always said, don't face a problem, burn it. Well, now I've done both. Good-bye, Captain."
6. "Somewhere the saving and putting away had to begin again and someone had to do the saving and the keeping, one way or another, in books, in records, in people's heads, any way at all so long as it was safe, free from moths, silverfish, rust and dry-rot, and men with matches."
7. "There must be something in books, things we can't imagine, to make a woman stay in a burning house; there must be something there. You don't stay for nothing."
8. "Oh, just my mother and father and uncle sitting around, talking. It's like being a pedestrian, only rarer. My uncle was arrested another time – did I tell you? – for being a pedestrian. Oh, we're most peculiar."
9. "She's nothing to me; she shouldn't have had books! It was her responsibility; she should've thought of that. I hate her."
10. "If you put it in your ear ... I can sit comfortably home, warming my frightened bones, and hear and analyze the firemen's world, find its weaknesses without danger. I'm the Queen Bee, safe in the hive. You will be the drone, the traveling ear."

Part 4: Details. Explain the importance of each to the story.

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| 1. Granger | 16. The Book of Job |
| 2. Faber | 17. Ecclesiastes |
| 3. Clarisse | 18. A poker game |
| 4. Montag | 19. Long billboards |
| 5. Mildred | 20. A dandelion |
| 6. Beatty | 21. "Dover Beach" |
| 7. A match | 22. Old men standing around a bonfire |
| 8. A suitcase of dirty clothes | 23. An atomic bomb |
| 9. Sleeping pills | 24. The river |
| 10. A fourth wall | 25. The railroad tracks |
| 11. The "family" | |
| 12. An ear piece | |
| 13. The mechanical hound | |
| 14. A fire alarm | |
| 15. A sieve | |