

Open-ended Responses—*Fahrenheit 451*

1. How is the plausible future envisioned in this novel? Specifically, do you think the author provides a convincing account of how technology became a vital part of life in this novel? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

2. How plausible is the future envisioned in this novel? Specifically, do you think the author provides a convincing account of how censorship became so rampant in this society? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

3. Despite his clear understanding of books and what they contain, why do you think Beatty hates books? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

4. How does Faber define the value of books? Discuss why you think his definition is accurate or not. Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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5. What is the role of the “family” in Mildred’s life as they are represented in the TV parlor? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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6. How is Clarisse a catalyst for the change in Montag? Discuss why you think his definition is accurate or not. Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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7. Why does Montag insist that his hands appear to have a mind of their own? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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8. Why does the author give animal traits to the medical contraption used to cleanse Mildred’s system of overdose of the sleeping pills? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

9. Montag feels the Hound has been programmed to hunt him. Why does he feel this way? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

10. Why is Montag so disturbed by the old woman that committed suicide when her library was discovered? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

11. Why does Mildred believe the “family” to be real? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

12. Why do you think Beatty went to Montag’s house after the incident with the old woman? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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13. What is the purpose of Beatty’s speech to Montag? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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14. Why does Montag read the poem to Mildred and her friends? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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15. What does the “Hearth and Salamander” symbolize in the first book? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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16. What is the significance of the “Sieve and the Sand” in the second book? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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17. What does “Burning Bright” symbolize in the third book? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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18. Why is the society satisfied when the wrong man is killed during the pursuit of Montag? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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19. What is the significance of water in the third book? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

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20. Explain the role of the hobos in the preservation of the books? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

21. Why was Montag's city destroyed? Explain and provide evidence from the text to support your answer.
