

Fahrenheit 451

Part 1

1. What is the significance of the title of this book?
2. Guy Montag is a fireman. What does that mean in his society/
3. What do the salamander and phoenix represent? They are symbolic of what?
4. What are the "parlor walls"?
5. Clarisse's uncle was arrested on two occasions. For what was he arrested?
6. After talking to Clarisse, Guy Montag realizes something about himself. What did he realize?
7. How is Guy's bedroom described?
8. What is his wife's name?

9. What did his wife do?
10. Compare Guy's and Clarisse's houses?
11. Why is Clarisse afraid of children her own age?
12. What does Montag have hidden behind the ventilator grille?
13. At the home of the old woman, Montag takes something. What did he take?
14. What eventually happened to the old woman?
15. What does Mildred think happened to Clarisse? What do you think happened to her?
16. According to Captain Beatty, the firemen are the "custodians of our peace of mind." What does he mean?

Part Two

1. Who was Faber? Where did Montag meet him?
2. According to Faber, what three things are missing?
3. Faber says, "Those who don't build must burn." What does he mean?
4. Why does Faber think of himself as contemptible?
5. What does Faber give Montag?
6. Where did the firemen go at the end of this section?

Part Three

1. According to Beatty, what is the real beauty of fire?

2. What did Montag do to Beatty and why?

3. What did Montag do with the books he salvaged from his yard? Why?

4. What does Montag give Faber? For what is it to be used?

5. What did Montag do to thwart the hound?

6. How did the authorities save face when they were unable to catch Montag?

7. Who does Montag meet in the country? Why are they important?

8. According to Granger, what is the "wonderful thing about man"?

9. How are the phoenix and man alike? How are they different?