Fahrenheit 451 Part 1 Study Questions

Answer these questions as we read *Fahrenheit 451*. These questions will help prepare you for your tests and quizzes in this unit. Answer each question completely and in full sentences on your own piece of paper. You do not need to write the question, just the answers.

Part 1: The Hearth and the Salamander

- 1. What is Montag, the main character, doing at the beginning of the book?
- 2. What is Montag's job?
- 3. Who does Montag meet on the sidewalk on his way home?
- 4. What does Clarisse say when Montag asks her age?
- 5. What is a fireman's job in this story? How does it contrast with their job now?
- 6. Is Montag happy?
- 7. What does Montag think of Clarisse?
- 8. What does Bradbury tell us about Montag's wife, Mildred?
- 9. What does Montag kick across the bedroom? What used to be in it? What has Mildred done?
- 10. Two men are sent to the house. What did they do for Mildred? Are either of them doctors?
- 11. Compare Clarisse's house with Montag's.
- 12. Where does Montag go? Why? What does he hear?

- 13. Where does Montag find Mildred in the morning?
- 14. What does Montag first tell her about the night before?
- 15. Later in the afternoon, Montag talks to Mildred again about the night before. What does he tell her this time? What is her response?
- 16. What is Mildred watching on t.v.? What is unique about this television program? What is Mildred's part?
- 17. What does Clarisse do with the dandelion? What does she say it means? What is the result on Montag?
- 18. Who does Clarise have to go see?
- 19. What do the firemen do for entertainment? Does Montag participate with them? Why?
- 20. What happens when Montag touches the Hound?
- 21. What do you think Montag might be hiding in his ventilator?
- 22. What theory does Montag have about the Hound's reactions to him? What does Captain Beatty say?

- 23. How many days was Clarisse waiting for Montag?
- 24. Why don't Montag and Mildred have any children?
- 25. Why doesn't Clarisse go to school?
- 26. What happens when Montag realizes Clarisse is gone? What do you think has happened to her?
- 27. What does Montag ask Beatty?
- 28. What do the firemen give Montag? What does it say about firemen?
- 29. Describe what happens when they answer an alarm to burn an old woman's books.
- 30. What does the woman do instead of leaving her books?
- 31. What did Montag take with him?
- 32. What happens when Montag asks Mildred where and when they met for the first time?
- 33. What does Mildred tell Montag about Clarisse?
- 34. What happens to Montag the next morning after burning the woman?
- 35. Who comes to Montag and Mildred's house?
- 36. What does this person tell them about firemen?
- 37. Why do they burn books?
- 38. Does Beatty know about the book Montag took? What is the rule?
- 39. What did Montag hide in the air-conditioning? What is Mildred's reaction?

40. What does Montag ask Mildred to do?