

FAHRENHEIT 451  
Study Questions

Burning Bright

1. Who turned in the alarm on Montag?
2. Whom does Beatty assign to burn Montag's house?
3. Why can't Montag run away?
4. What does Beatty threaten to do when the "seashell" falls out of Montag's ear?
5. What does Montag do to Beatty? Explain the irony here.
6. Why does Montag believe that Beatty taunted him just before dying?
7. Where does Montag go (on the run)?
8. Why does Montag return briefly to his house?
9. What does Montag hear on the radio at the gas station?
10. Why did Montag have so much difficulty crossing the street?
11. How did Montag almost lose his life? What did he do that saved him?
12. Where does Montag stop (briefly)? Why?
13. Why does Faber "feel alive" for the first time in years?
14. Where does Faber tell Montag to go? Who might Montag find there?
15. What's on TV just before Montag leaves?
16. How does Faber try to cover Montag's trail?
17. Where does Faber say he will meet up with Montag again?
18. What do the police tell everyone to do in order to help them find Montag?
19. How does Montag escape the mechanical hound?
20. Why does Montag decide he must never burn again?
21. List some of the nature-images Montag encounters.
22. Who does Montag believe once walked on the train track?

23. Who does Montag encounter? What is different about their fire?
24. How do they know Montag's name?
25. How did the police cover up the fact that they could not find Montag? Why do they televise it?
26. How did the men Montag meets preserve books?
27. When does Granger say they will "be of some use to the world"?
28. What does Montag say about Mildred?
29. "And the war began and ended in that instant." How?
30. Where did Montag and Mildred meet? Why does he suddenly remember?
31. Who was the Phoenix?
32. Why does Granger compare the phoenix to man?
33. Why does Granger say, "...we're going to build a mirror factory first..."? What does he mean?
34. Who leads the group back into the city?
35. What does Montag finally remember?