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Fahrenheit 451: Beatty's Lecture

1. "The fact is we didn't get along well until photography came into its own. Then – motion pictures in the early twentieth century. Radio. Television. Things began to have _____."
2. Beatty claims that because there were so many people in the world, what was required of entertainment and media (books, movies, etc.)?
3. During his conversation with Beatty, Montag yells at Mildred when she is smoothing his bedsheets. Why?
4. According to Beatty, what function do organized sports, games, fast cars, loud music, shortened books, and cartoons serve in the world of *Fahrenheit 451*?
5. Why does Beatty refer to the firemen as "The Happiness Boys"? (How does burning books ensure happiness?)
6. What evidence is there that Beatty suspects Montag stole a book?
7. According to Clarisse's uncle, why did architects quit putting front porches on houses?
8. What secret does Montag share with Mildred?

"The Happiness Boys"

Circle one answer and explain your choice.

1. Which is more difficult?
Circle one: **likeness** **difference**
Explain:
 2. What costs more?
Circle one: **pleasure** **pain**
Explain:
 3. Which is heavier?
Circle one: **discipline** **freedom**
Explain:
 4. What is more exhausting?
Circle one: **knowing all the answers**
knowing none of the answers
Explain:
 5. What is more comfortable?
Circle one: **equality** **difference**
Explain:
 6. Which creates the greatest problems?
Circle one: **happiness** **pain**
Explain:
 7. Which is weaker?
Circle one: **strength in numbers**
individual strength
Explain:
- Is happiness the same as fun? **Yes** **No**
Is happiness the same as keeping busy? **Yes** **No**

On a separate page, write a constructed response:

According to Beatty's lecture, what constitutes "happiness"? Does he define happiness in terms that reflect modern American society? Explain your answer with specific quotations from the novel supported by modern examples to prove or disprove Beatty's lecture.