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Duffy English 10

*Fahrenheit 451* Reading Guide

# Part 1: The Hearth and the Salamander

# Questions for pages 3 - 20

1. What do the “firemen” do for a living?
2. In the opening scene, why are the books compared to birds?
3. According to pages 3 – 4, what does Montag think of his job?
4. Who does Montag meet on the way home?
5. During his conversation, Montag says that “You never wash it off completely” referring to the kerosene. What could this mean symbolically?
6. Why do you think that Bradbury would introduce Clarisse before Montag’s wife, Mildred?
7. Why does Mildred need help when Montag gets home?
8. Describe the help that she receives.
9. Is there anything unusual about the way the two men go about helping Mildred? How is it unusual?
10. How is life in Montag’s house very different from that of Clarisse’s house?
11. How does Mildred react after she wakes up from her previous night’s experience?