

# Answers for Fahrenheit 451 study questions

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**What are some questions about Fahrenheit 451?** Why does Montag say that he feels like he's "putting on weight"? Why don't the characters in Fahrenheit 451 want to have children? Why does Faber consider himself a coward? Why are people so violent in Fahrenheit 451?

**What is Montag's answer to Clarisse's question?** At this point of realization, what happens to the smile on Montag's face, and what is his answer to Clarisse's question? The smile on Montag's face goes away and his answer to Clarisse's question is no, he is not happy.

**Who killed Clarisse in Fahrenheit 451?** Answer and Explanation: Clarisse disappears in Part One of the story, leaving Montag to wonder what has happened to her. He later learns through Mildred that Clarisse was hit by a car and killed. Although the perpetrators are never caught, Bradbury hints that her death an accident.

**What is Clarisse's face like?** Her face was slender and milk-white, and in it was a kind of gentle hunger that touched over everything with tireless curiosity.

**Why did Mildred overdose?** Mildred takes a bottle of sleeping pills, and when Montag asks her about it, she denies that she would do something like that. She has no memory of the event. She took the pills to numb herself, which she equates with happiness, and she argues she would not attempt suicide.

**Why does Montag feel fat?** Montag feels "fat" because his new knowledge of and interest in books is a great burden. The burden is so great that it is even effecting him physically; he feels uncomfortable in his body, and he feels heavier.

**Did Montag have a crush on Clarisse?** Montag begins to have feelings for Clarisse and maybe love her and she loves him too. Clarisse is changing Montag into a person with feelings and making him happy.

**What does Clarisse's death do to Montag?** Time passes by, and news surfaces that Clarisse got hit by a car and died. Montag fell into a period of depression. He starts reading the books he had stolen from every fire he had caused. Montag hopes that the books will enlighten him on his empty feelings.

**Why does Montag like Clarisse?** Clarisse and Montag befriend each other quickly, and Clarisse's impact on Montag is enormous. Clarisse comes into Montag's life, and immediately begins to question his relationship with his wife, his career, and his happiness. Also, Clarisse shows Montag how to appreciate the simple things in life.

**Was Clarisse's death an accident?** In " Fahrenheit 451," Clarisse was run over by a car and died. Montag learns this from his wife, Mildred. We never learn what has actually happened to Clarisse. However, Montag believes that this might be an accident, but later he doubts it as she could be intentionally taken away.

**What smell makes Montag vomit?** Montag is sick the next morning, and the omnipresent stink of kerosene makes him vomit. He tells Mildred about burning the old woman and asks her if she would mind if he gave up his job for a while.

**What secret does Montag reveal to his wife?** Montag tells Beatty that he might come back to work, even though he doesn't want to. After Beatty leaves, Montag shows Mildred the stash of 20 books he's been hiding in the vent and tells her he doesn't want to be a fireman anymore.

**Why does Montag see himself in Clarisse's eyes?** In Fahrenheit 451, Montag sees his reflection in Clarisse's eye. This is a novel experience for him. He sees no such glistening in other people he knows, least of all his own wife Mildred. The reflection symbolizes something between living, thinking people.

**What does Beatty symbolize in Fahrenheit 451?** Captain Beatty is a symbol of many concepts in Fahrenheit 451. He is a symbol of authority, which is increased by his charisma. He is also a symbol of intellect, as he is well-read. He is outspoken in favor of the Government, and he symbolizes propaganda.

**Why does Clarisse rub under her chin?** She rubs a dandelion under her chin and claims that if the pollen rubs off on her, it means she is in love.

**What is Mildred addicted to?** Mildred appears to be addicted to her ear-buds, technology and drugs, but this behavior appears to be "normal" for this new society of Fahrenheit 451.

**Why did Mildred betray Montag?** After Montag brings books home and reads poetry to her friends, she betrays him to the authorities, wanting to preserve her life of instant gratification and comfort.

**What happened to Gloria's husband in F451?** Gloria's husband killed himself by jumping off a building.

**Why does Mrs. Phelps cry when Montag reads?** Phelps cry when Montag reads *Dover Beach*? Mrs. Phelps cries because she may have been exposed to real emotion and passion for the first time. She does not understand why she reacts the way she does, though.

**Why did Montag burn Beatty's body?** Montag, now desperate and fearful that Beatty will harm Faber, does pull the trigger on the flamethrower; Beatty's body burns, and he dies.

**Does Guy Montag love his wife?** Guy Montag In Fahrenheit 451 Clarisse makes Guy think deeper into what is going on around him. He realizes that he in fact is not happy with his wife Mildred, his job, or the way society acts.

**What are some good discussion questions for Fahrenheit 451 part 3?** Why do you think Beatty wants Montag to burn his own house? What do you think of Faber's advice? What advice would you give Montag? Why do you think Beatty resorts to violence?

**What are some good discussion questions for Fahrenheit 451 part 2?**

**What is the main message of Fahrenheit 451?** Ignorance and Conformity. The overarching theme of Fahrenheit 451 explores the struggle between man's desire for knowledge and individuality in a society that expects ignorance and conformity.

**What is the main argument of Fahrenheit 451?** The main idea of Fahrenheit 451 is censorship and how the government uses this power to control the populace. Most of the population is submissive to government authority.

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