

## “There Will Come Soft Rains”

We will divide and conquer here. You will first answer 5 of these questions independently, and then you will be paired with a classmate who has answered the other 5. When you share your responses, you should discuss and look to expand your understanding of each question. When you're finished, you may submit. Expect to be called upon during class discussion!

### Text questions

1. What is the organizational structure of the story? What effect does the structure create on the story itself?
2. Find a personification in the text. What is the effect of this literary device?
3. What antecedent action is revealed about the city/the family and why is this important?
4. What point is Bradbury making by introducing the dog mid-story?
5. What is significant about the way the nursery is decorated?
6. Why include the poem in the story?
7. What does Bradbury's description of the fire suggest?
8. Compare the description of the kitchen at the beginning of the story and the description of it at the end. What do these differing descriptions illustrate?
9. What is the significance of the repeated references to rain throughout the story?
10. What is the theme of this story?