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The Beginning of 'Fahrenheit 451': Chapters 1-5

Short Answer Key

1. Montag initially finds satisfaction in his job as a firefighter because he enjoys burning books, which are considered illegal and dangerous in his society.
2. Clarisse McClellan influences Montag by challenging his perspectives and encouraging him to question the world around him. Her curiosity and insight make him reevaluate his life.
3. Montag faces an internal conflict as he continues to collect and read books because he knows it is an act of rebellion against the government, which he initially supported.
4. Captain Beatty reveals the government's history of book burning and the reasons behind it, including the desire for social conformity and the elimination of dissenting voices.
5. Montag's meeting with Faber is significant because they discuss the importance of books and independent thought. Faber becomes Montag's mentor in his quest for knowledge.

