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Meet the Characters of 'Fahrenheit 451'

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Guy Montag's transformation is prompted by his interactions with Clarisse, his growing disillusionment with his society, and his discovery of the power of books. It evolves from blind obedience to a quest for knowledge and personal growth.
2. Books symbolize knowledge, independent thought, and the diversity of ideas. Burning them represents the suppression of these qualities. The government sees books as dangerous because they can challenge the established order.
3. The government in the story seeks to suppress knowledge and independent thought through censorship, mindless entertainment, and surveillance. This leads to a society lacking critical thinking and individuality, with dire consequences for its citizens.
4. Granger's group's act of memorizing books represents the preservation of knowledge and the hope that, in the future, a society will emerge that values literature and critical thinking. Their actions have the potential to rebuild a more enlightened world.

