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Lexicon of Fire

Directions: Below are sentences or short excerpts from *Fahrenheit 451* that include challenging vocabulary used by Ray Bradbury. For each word in **bold**, write your **best guess at the definition** based on context. **Explain** what the word adds to the meaning, tone, or mood of the passage.

1. "With the brass nozzle in his fists, with this great **python** spitting its venomous kerosene upon the world..."

Define: _____

Explain: _____

2. "She had a very thin face like the dial of a clock in which there is only the faintest **pallor** and a delicate whiteness..."

Define: _____

Explain: _____

3. "Books leapt and danced like roasted birds, their wings ablaze with red and yellow **feathers**."

Define: _____

Explain: _____

4. "He imagined thousands of faces peering into yards, faces hidden by curtains, thinking of the **fugitive** there, imagining the chase, their excitement building."

Define: _____

Explain: _____
