

Recurring Sparks Answer Key

Sample Responses:

Hands

1. **Examples:** Montag's "hands had done it all" when he steals a book; Mildred's hands "stirred the air as if they were trying to reach for something far away."
2. **Represents:** Hands symbolize impulse, hidden desires, and actions driven by unconscious will.
3. **Connection:** Montag's hands act before his mind does, showing his subconscious rebellion against society.

Mirrors

1. **Examples:** Clarisse is described as a "mirror" reflecting Montag's soul; Granger says after the city's destruction, they must build a "mirror factory" to take a long look at themselves.
2. **Represents:** Mirrors symbolize self-reflection and awareness.
3. **Connection:** Montag's growth depends on seeing himself clearly, which only happens after Clarisse and later Granger force him to reflect.

Mechanical Imagery

1. **Examples:** The Mechanical Hound described as "alive but not alive"; machines that pump Mildred's stomach "like snakes."
2. **Represents:** Cold, dehumanized technology that mimics life but lacks soul.
3. **Connection:** Montag realizes that society values machines over people, a warning about technology replacing humanity.