

“There Will Come Soft Rains”

by Ray Bradbury

1. How would you describe the mood of the story? Why? What details contribute to that mood? (use textual evidence)

2. What is the setting of the story? (name the city, state, and the date)

3. What has happened to everyone? What happened to cause that?

4. What details in the story imply that?

5. Define personification.

6. Give three examples of personification in the text. Use actual quotes from the story and cite the quotes correctly.
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7. How does the use of personification shape how we read and/or feel about the story and/or the objects in it?
8. Define allusion.
9. Analyze the poem within the story. What is its theme?
10. What in the poem leads you to believe that that is the theme of the poem?
11. What is the poem's relevance to the story? (Why include it?)
12. Define symbol.
13. What is the dog's relevance to the story? What idea is it symbolic of?