Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Block: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ “There Will Come Soft Rains” by Ray Bradbury

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| **Text-Dependent Questions** | **Evidence-based Answers (Standard RL1: Cite strong and thorough textual evidence.)** |
| What is the organizational structure of this story? What effect does the structure of the text create on the story itself?  |  |
| The story begins with the line, “In the living room, the voice clock sang…as if it were afraid nobody would.” What literary device is Bradbury using? What is the effect of the author’s use of this literary device? Provide evidence from the text to support your response. |  |
| What do you know about what has happened to this city?  |  |
| What is ironic about the author’s description of the house as on a “mechanical paranoia” (top of page 2)?  |  |
| Reread the paragraph beginning on line 7 on p. 2: “The house was an altar with… but the gods had gone away, and the ritual of the religion continued senselessly, uselessly.” What literary device is Bradbury using here and how does it contribute to the message is he conveying?  |  |
| Look at line 10 on p. 2. What point is Bradbury making by introducing the dog at this juncture in the story? |  |
| Look at the last paragraph on p.2. How does the author describe the nursery? What is significant about the way the nursery is decorated?  |  |
| The house chooses a poem at random when no preference is given from Mrs. McClellan. Read the poem. What is the theme of the poem and why does the author include it within the text? (p. 3) |  |
| Around the middle of p.3, the marking of time changes. Explain the difference. What does the author’s choice about structure at this point in the text signify?  |  |
| Reread from pp. 3-4. What does Bradbury’s description of the fire suggest? Provide evidence form the text to support your response. |  |
| Compare Bradbury’s description of the kitchen in lines 5-7 to lines 186-189. What do these differing descriptions illustrate? |  |
| What is the significance of the repeated references to rain throughout the story? |  |