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Mrs. Abbey

English 9

The Martian Chronicles

January 1999 – Rocket Summer

1. Why was the town warm in January?

February 1999 – Ylla

1. List at least five unique details about the Ks house.
2. Describe the relationship between Mr. and Mrs. K.
3. What did Mrs. K dream about?
4. What does Mr. K react to Mrs. K's second dream?
5. Why can Mrs. K not go see Pao?
6. Why is Mr. K not surprised that Mr. Nlle has not shown up?

7. What did Mr. K do while he was hunting?

8. From what you can gather, why did Mrs. K forget the song?

#### August 1999 – The Summer Night

1. Why did all of the women wake up in the middle of the night?

#### August 1999 – Earth Men

1. Why does Mrs. Ttt react this way to the men from Earth?

2. Describe the people who are on the other side of the door at Mr. Iii's.

3. Why are all of these people here?

4. Why are they saying that they are from Earth? (Think about why Mrs. K knew that song in English.)

5. When the men from Earth take Mr. Xxx to their rocket, what does Mr. Xxx do?

March 2000 – The Taxpayer

1. List the reasons why the taxpayer wanted to leave Earth?

April 20000 – The Third Expedition

1. What did you notice about the setting of Mars? Why is this significant?
2. Why do the men think that Mars is so much like Earth?
3. When the men go to the house, where does the woman say they are?
4. Why do you suspect she is saying that?
5. Why did all of the men abandon the rocketship?
6. What did the Captain think would be the best weapons that the Martians could use against them?
7. What happens to all of the men from Earth?

June 2001 – And The Moon Be Still As Bright

1. Why does Jeff Spender want to start a fire the traditional way, without using the supplies they brought from Earth?
2. The physician/geology, Hathaway reports that all of the Martian in the 5<sup>th</sup> city have died. What did he say killed them?
3. Can you think of anything from history that reminds you of this?
4. What is the author's tone for this chapter? Happy? Sad? How can you tell?
5. Characterize Biggs and Spender.

Biggs	Spender

6. Why did Spender punch Biggs?
7. How did the Captain react?
8. When the men went into the Martian town, what did Biggs do?

9. Why did Spender kill all of the men?
10. Why did Spender think that Cherokee would understand?
11. How would you feel if you were a Martian and people came to your land and started tearing it up?
12. What will happen to Mars if more and more Earth men come to it?
13. What is Spender's plan?
14. How did the Martians combine religion and science?
15. Who kills Spender? Why?
16. What is Captain Wilder's vow after Spender's death?
17. What action shows that he is living up to Spender's ideals?

1. List 8 reasons why people went to Mars.

#### December 2001 – The Green Morning

1. Planting trees seems like a good thing to do for the environment. However, why is that destructive to Mars? What does it forever change?
2. Why did Benjamin want to plant trees?
3. Describe the morning after the night of rain.

#### February 2002 – The Locusts

1. How will Mars be different from how on after trees are growing and 90,000 people have arrived?
2. Describe the simile, “rockets like locusts.”

#### August 2002 – Night Meeting

1. Why did Pop want to come to Mars?
2. To what object does Pop compare Mars?
3. What did Tomas personify? (look up the definition of personification in your literary elements)
4. What is funny about the first few lines of Tomas and Muhe Ca's conversation?
5. When Tomas offered coffee to Muhe Ca, what strange thing happened?
6. What did Tomas and Muhe Ch blame their coincidental meeting on?

October 2002 - The Shore

1. What is Bradbury comparing Mars to? What literary element is this an example of?
2. Why does Bradbury think that the second men SHOULD have been other than American?

February 2003 - Interim

1. "Interim" means a period of time between and is a synonym for meanwhile. Why might Bradbury have named this chapter Interim?

2. To what is Bradbury comparing Mars to? What literary element is that an example of?

3. What is happening to Mars?

April 2003 - The Musicians

1. Describe what the boys are doing.

2. What is the job of the “Firemen?”

3. Why would the children be punished when they return home with shoes covered in black flakes?

June 2003 - Way In The Middle of The Air

1. Who is going to Mars? How do the men react to this?

2. Describe Samuel Teece.

3. Why doesn't Teece want Silly to go to Mars?

4. Who offers to take Silly's place?



5. Why do all of the African-Americans want to leave Earth?
  
6. What did Teece tell Silly to burn before he left?
  
7. Silly yells back to Teece, “What you goin’ to do nights?” What did Teece used to do during nights?
  
8. What is all over the road? Why is it there?

2004 - 2005 - The Naming of Names

1. Why is the naming of places significant?
  
2. What types of people finally came to Mars?
  
3. List 5 reasons why these people came to Mars.
  
4. How are they different from the previous people who came to Mars?

April 2005 - Usher II

1. Mr. Stendahl has his house modeled after what?

2. Why does Mr. Bigelow not know who Edgar Allan Poe is?

3. Why does Mr. Stendahl say he came to Mars?

4. Why does Garrett, the Investigator of Moral Climates come to Stendahl's house?

5. Why is Stendahl's house being torn down?

6. What happened to Garrett?

7. What types of people were invited to Stendahl's for a dinner party?

8. What does Stendahl tell his quests to do that makes them feel uncomfortable?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. When Pike burns Garrett's body, what does he find that worries them?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. When the real Garrett arrives, what does notice about all of the deaths?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
11. Why is the title of this chapter significant? This is an example of what literary element?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
12. How does Garrett die? How is this significant?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
13. Why does Stendahl say he killed Garrett?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
14. What happens to the house? Why does that happen?

August 2005 - The Old Ones

1. Who finally came to Mars?

2. Why do you think they were the last to leave Earth?

September 2005 – The Martian

1. What does LaFarge miss doing on Earth?

2. When LaFarge woke up and opened the door, what did he see? Who did he think it was?

3. Why might Anna not remember anything about Tom having pneumonia and Green Lawn Park?

4. Why is Mr. Nomland significant? What does his suicide reveal about Tom?



November 2005 – The Off Season

1. What is Sam Parkhill doing now instead of being a soldier?
2. What do we learn about Captain Wilder from what Sam tells his wife?
3. Why does Parkhill think he'll make thousands and thousands of dollars on Mars?
4. What does Parkhill do the Martian that visits him? What does he blame his actions on?
5. What do the Martians give to Sam?
6. What happens to Earth?
7. Why does Elma say it is going to be an off season?

November 2005 – The Watchers

Why does the luggage store proprietor have nothing left on his shelves?

December 2005 – The Silent Towns

1. Why is the small Martian town abandoned?
2. Describe what he did when he reached the abandoned town.
3. How did he prepare for his loneliness?
4. Why does Walter want to meet Genevieve so badly? What he is hoping for?
5. Describe Genevieve.
6. Why did she stay on Mars when she had the opportunity to go?
7. Why does Walter run away?
8. When the phone rings, what does Walter do now?

April 2026 – The Long Years

1. Who is Mr. Hathaway? (we saw him in “And The Moon Be Still As Bright”)
2. Why did Hathaway’s family miss the rockets?

3. Why was Wilder sent to Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune?

4. What did Williamson notice about John Hathaway that is strange?

5. What did Hathaway do to prevent his loneliness on Mars?

August 2026 – There Will Come Soft Rains

1. What other Ray Bradbury story does the house in this chapter remind you of?

2. How are this house and the house in the other story similar?



3. Why is the house empty? What planet does the story take place on?

4. Describe what happens to the house.

#### October 2026 – The Million-Year Picnic

1. How was William Thomas, the father, feel about the war on Earth?

2. Why does Timothy think that this is not a normal vacation?

3. What did they do to their rocket?

4. Why did the William Thomas want to leave Earth?

5. What did William Thomas burn? Why did he burn them?

6. The little boys wanted to see Martians. Who did their father show them and say they were Martians?