

Illuminating Literature Ray Bradbury T/F biography quiz

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2. ____ Had an ancestor who was hanged in 1692 during the Salem witch trials.
3. ____ Became interested in magic at age 10.
4. ____ Never went to church as a child.
5. ____ Reader and collector of *Buck Rogers* comic strips.
6. ____ Enjoyed *Martin Stories* by Edgar Rice Burroughs and also *Tarzan* and *Oz*.
7. ____ Was treated kindly by a carnival worker, Mr. Lightning.
8. ____ Began writing every day at age 12 on his toy typewriter.
9. ____ Wrote a sequel to *Buck Rogers*.
10. ____ Worked at a television station as a young teen.
11. ____ Attended the 1937 World's Fair and enjoyed the futuristic exhibits so much that he built his own out of cardboard and glue.
12. ____ Collected Flash Gordon comic strips.
13. ____ Learned how to drive at age 20.
14. ____ In high school, improved his writing by imitating authors like Poe, Conan Doyle and Wodehouse.
15. ____ Rode his bike everywhere while friends drove around in cars.
16. ____ Went to college and earned his Bachelor's degree in American Literature.
17. ____ Attended the first sci-fi convention in NY in 1930.
18. ____ At age 21, earned ½ cent per word for his first published story.
19. ____ In 1941, had a very organized plan for writing one short story per week.
20. ____ At age 24 was still living at home, along with his older brother.
21. ____ His wife, Maggie, thought he was a shoplifter when they first met in the bookstore where she worked.
22. ____ He was wealthy in their early years of marriage.
23. ____ He and Maggie had 4 sons.
24. ____ While lecturing at a university, he screamed, "Attention!" when he saw that students were bored and ignoring him. (Maybe Mrs. Birtz should try that!)
25. ____ Typed *Fahrenheit 451* on the first home computer.
26. ____ Got the idea for *Fahrenheit 451*'s title from the Fire Department.
27. ____ Took a boat to Ireland to write the screenplay for *Moby Dick*.
28. ____ He also wrote the screen play for Jessamyn West's *The Friendly Persuasion*.
29. ____ Wrote teleplays for Alfred Hitchcock.
30. ____ *Dandelion Wine*, a semi-autobiographical set of stories had a lunar crater named after it in 1971. He also inspired astronauts with *The Martian Chronicles*.
31. ____ Had a ship in *Star Wars* named after him—The USS Bradbury.
32. ____ Loved the 1966 film of *Fahrenheit 451*.
33. ____ Worked with Disney in EPCOT and the Orbitron ride.
34. ____ Won many awards for television and writing including the National Medal of Arts and a Pulitzer Citation.
35. ____ Was married to Maggie for 50 years.
36. ____ Died at age 92 and, according to his grandson, Danny, "Was the biggest kid I know."

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