

Ray Bradbury "The Pedestrian" Study Questions

Name _____

Answer each question thoroughly.

Date _____ Period _____

1. Describe the setting. Provide as many details as possible. _____

2. Describe the society in which Leonard Mead lives. _____

3. Explain the possible reasons that Leonard Mead does not fit into this society. _____

Why does he keep all of his lights on? _____

4. Bradbury uses repetition of words and images to establish the tone or mood of the story. What is the tone? What specific words or images does Bradbury repeat to help establish the tone of the story? Identify at least three words or images. _____

5. Mead is taken to the Psychiatric Center for Research on Regressive Tendencies. What does "regressive" mean? Why would he be taken there just for walking down the street?

6. What might have happened to this society that there would be no crime, but that walking would be considered criminal behavior? What is Bradbury suggesting about society (theme)?
