Discussion Only: What observations have you made in the text that confirm or change your opinions about the journal prompt from our previous class?

1. Speculate as to the reasons for the continued longevity of this story? What are some of the possible reasons why this story still seems so relevant? What new concerns, since the cold war, make this story relevant today?
2. Find five examples of personification in the story and explain their significance.
3. This story is told in a very persistent chronological order, with the clock calling out specific times throughout the day. Why do you think Bradbury included these exact times in his story?
4. What is your understanding of the metaphor below and how would you interpret it. Read it closely and explain what it contributes to the main idea of the story.

**Metaphor Example:**

*“The house was an alter with ten thousand attendants, big, small, servicing, attending in choirs. But the gods had gone away, and the ritual of the religion continued senselessly, uselessly.”*

6. What ideas about scientific advances is Bradbury warning us about? Explain whether or not you agree with his message and give reasons for your opinion.