Mr. Valentine’s 12th Grade English –*The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy –* Ch 13 - 24

Chapter 13 - 1. How does Ford know Zaphod?

2. How does Arthur know Zaphod, and why does this upset Ford?

Chapter 14 - 3. How do they know they’re in the Horsehead Nebula?

4. According to Zaphod, why are they there? What are they looking for?

Chapter 15

5. What’s the name of the planet they’ve found?

6. What was this planet’s primary industry?

Chapter 16

7. What does Arthur ask about the availability of?

8. What absurd joke does the text make about suspense?

Chapter 17

9. What’s absurd / ironic about the politeness of the automated message?

10. What idea of Arthur’s ends up saving them? How is it ironic that the life saving idea should come from him, of all those present?

Chapter 18

11. What absurd / improbable thing happened to the two thermo-nuclear missiles?

12. How is the life of the whale, in some ways, symbolic / metaphorical for the life of humankind? What does it suggest about our lifespan and its absurdity?

13. What did the bowl of petunias say?

Chapter 19

14. What creatures have escaped? What, according to the text, is their significance?

Chapter 20

15. Who gets left behind to “guard the passage” and who goes down into the chamber, getting gassed?

16. Who did damage to Zaphod’s brain, way back when? What were their initials? Infer.

Chapter 22

17. When Arthur leaves Marvin behind in Chapter 21, who does he run into on his walk?

18. What does he claim to be “not important”?

Chapter 23

19. Who were the first, second, and third most intelligent creatures on Earth?

Chapter 24

20. According to Slartibartfast, who commissioned the creation of Earth, and why? What are they planning to do about its destruction?