

AS2.1 WRITTEN TEXT STUDY

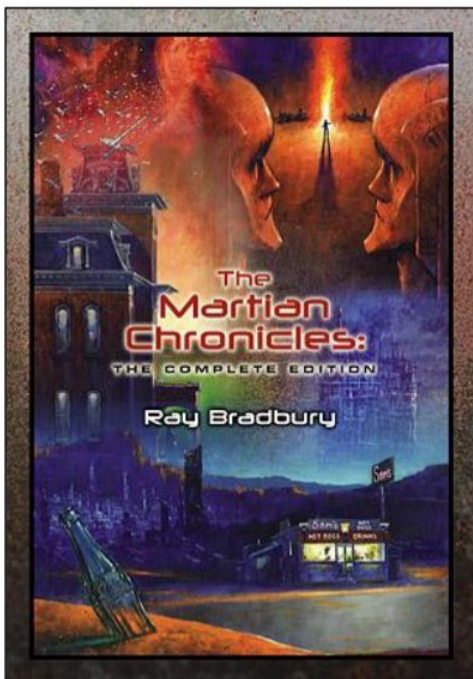
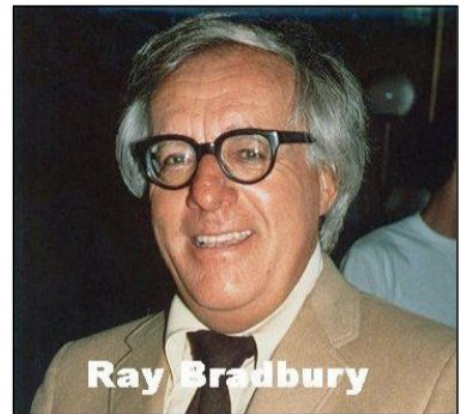
SAMPLE AS2.1 EXTERNAL EXAM ESSAY QUESTIONS

1. Analyse how the setting of a text (or texts) you have studied influenced your understanding of the ideas in the text (or texts). (Note: Setting may include reference to time, place, historical or social context, or atmosphere.)
2. Analyse how an idea is developed in a text (or texts) you have studied.
3. Analyse how the writer(s) has created impact in a section of studied text (or texts).
4. Analyse how symbols are used to develop an idea in a text (or texts) you have studied.

August 2026: There Will Come Soft Rains

A short story by Ray Bradbury

Ray Douglas Bradbury (born August 22, 1920) is an American fantasy, horror, science fiction, and mystery writer. Best known for his dystopian novel *Fahrenheit 451* (1953) and for the science fiction stories gathered together as *The Martian Chronicles* (1950) and *The Illustrated Man* (1951), Bradbury is one of the most celebrated among 20th and 21st century American writers of speculative fiction. Many of Bradbury's works have been adapted into television shows or films.



There Will Come Soft Rains was first published in the May 6, 1950 issue of *Collier's*. Later that same year the story was included in Bradbury's famous short story collection *The Martian Chronicles* (1950).

