**The Veldt** by Ray Bradbury ~ Classroom Discussion Questions

\*Satire is the use of humor, irony, exaggeration, or ridicule to expose and criticize people's stupidity or vices, particularly in the context of contemporary politics and other topical issues. This story uses the “Happy Life Home” and the nursery to satirize parents not being involved/responsible parents and reliance on technology.

1. What problems are beginning to trouble Mr. and Mrs. Hadley since they purchased the Happy Life Home?
2. What is the nursery? How is it supposed to work?
3. What was the original purpose of the nursery?
4. Why did George believe it would be a good thing for his children?
5. What is ironic about its effect on the children?
6. Explain why the parents’ fate is ironic.
7. What clues does Bradbury provide to prepare the reader for the Hadley’s fate and the children’s cruelty?