“The Veldt” Post-Reading Questions

Please write your answers in complete sentences.

1. How would you describe each of the four main characters?
   George:

   Lydia:

   Peter:

   Wendy:

2. What mistakes have George and Lydia made in raising their children? Give examples.


4. What message or moral is Ray Bradbury trying to send his readers about technology? (THEME) Give examples from the story to support this theme.

5. What conflicts do the characters in the story face? Give examples.

6. “The Veldt” was published in 1951. It offers a view of what Bradbury predicted family life and technology would be like around the year 2000. Is it an accurate view? Why or why not? What predictions are correct? Incorrect? What does he leave out?
Please write your answers in complete sentences, use evidence and quotations from the text as support.

1. Is the Happy-life Home healthy for the family? Explain.

2. How does the nursery work?

3. Personification is giving nonhuman, inanimate objects human feeling, traits, or actions. Give two examples of personification from the story.

4. How does Lydia feel about the house? Why?

5. Describe the scene or setting that the nursery is stuck on.

6. What mistakes have George and Lydia made in raising their children? Explain.

7. What is the point of view of this story?

8. What two items are found in the nursery? To whom do they belong? Describe the condition of the items.

9. What advice does David McClean give George and Lydia? Do they follow it?

10. What do you think happened at the end of the story? Why?

Bonus: When does George say the children’s attitudes and behaviors began to change?