“The Flying Machine”

**Pages 304-305**

Setting…

Identify the setting of the story (the who and the when).

Characterization…

Based upon the dialogue and actions of the emperor, how would you describe the Emperor?

The Senses…

What words or images does Bradbury use to help you see that the man flying?

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Use of foreshadowing...

Why do you think the Emperor “glanced in all directions” and “noted where the farmer stood”?

Messages…

Sometimes an author’s message is suggested by what a character says within the story. What do you think the Emperor means when he says, “It is only necessary that he create, without knowing why has done so…”? What could the message be?

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Let’s Interpret…

Why would you be left with the image of the Emperor watching the birds in his mechanical garden?

The Take Away…

Which of the following statements do you think would best express Bradbury’s message? Explain your answer.

1. Some inventions can be used for both good and evil.
2. Progress cannot be stopped.
3. The beauty of nature is far superior to that of mechanical objects.
4. It is justifiable to take one life to save a whole people.