***Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy***

**Study Questions – 8B Skills**

**Due – e.o.c., Wednesday, May 30, 2018**

**Directions:** Answer following questions from the reading; responses don’t need to be complete sentences.

**Introduction**

1. What planet is the author writing about?

2. What is the problem with this planet?

3. What words are inscribed on the cover of the Hitchhiker's Guide?

**Chapter 1**

1. Who is Mr. L. Prosser?

2. Why can't Arthur remember what happened the night before?

3. Why is Mr. L. Prosser at Arthur Dent's house?

4. Who is Ford Prefect?

5. What job does Ford Prefect have?

6. How does Ford get Arthur to come with him to the pub?

**Chapter 2**

1. What does Ford attempt to explain to Arthur at the bar?

**Chapter 3**

1. Why is a towel so important to a hitchhiker?

2. How is the destruction of Earth similar to the destruction of Arthur's home?

3. Why is Earth and Arthur's home being destroyed?

**Chapter 4**

1. Who is the President of the Imperial Galactic Government?

2. What qualities are the President expected to display?

3. What is the job of the President of the Imperial Galactic Government?

4. Describe Trillian.

5. What ceremony does Zaphod attend?

6. What does Zaphod steal?

**Chapter 5**

1. Describe Vogon Jeltz.

2. What news is the Vogon guard trying to deliver to Jeltz?

3. What was Ford's nickname in school?

4. Why are the Dentrassis willing to help the hitchhikers?

5. How does the Guide describe Vogons?

6. What are teasers?

**Chapter 6**

1. What message does Jeltz play over the intercom?

2. What has caused more wars than "everything in the history of creation," and why?

3. Name two specific places on Earth that Arthur remembers.

4. What words are used to describe Earth in the Guide?

5. How does Arthur react to the description of Earth?

**Chapter 7**

1. How did the audience react during Pet Master Grunthos, at the Flatulent poetry reading?

2. Who was the author of the worst poetry in the universe?

3. Describe Arthur and Ford's reaction to the poetry reading.

4. What choice does Jeltz offer Arthur and Ford after the poetry reading?

5. According to Jeltz, why does he write poetry?

6. Describe how Arthur and Ford are supposed to die.

**Chapter 8**

1. What was the likelihood of Ford and Arthur being rescued?

2. According to the Guide, how long will Ford and Arthur survive in space with a lung full of air?

**Chapter 9**

1. Describe three things that happen as the hole in the galaxy closes.

2. What does Ford think that the voice is repeating?

3. What is trying to get into the cubicle with Arthur and Ford?

**Chapter 10**

1. What is the Infinite Improbability Drive (IID)?

2. What prize does the creator of the IID receive?

3. Why does the creator of the IID get lynched?

**Chapter 11**

1. Describe the Improbability-Proof Control Cabin.

2. Why does Zaphod complain about picking up the hitchhikers?

3. Describe Marvin.

4. How does the Guide describe the marketing division of the Sirius Cybernetics Corporation?

5. How does Ford react when Marvin mentions the name Zaphod Beeblebrox?

**Chapter 12**

1. What is "one of the major difficulties Trillian had" in her relationship with Zaphod?

2. Why does Trillian think the coordinates where they picked up Arthur &Ford are unusual & strange?

3. Describe the computer.

**Chapter 13**

1. When Zaphod asks, "is this sort of thing going to happen every time we use the Improbability drive" to what is he referring?

**Chapter 14**

1. What does Trillian bring with her from Earth?

2. How does Ford feel about being reunited with Zaphod?

3. Describe Zaphod's computer.

4. For what is Zaphod looking?

**Chapter 15**

1. For what industry was Magrathea known?

2. What happened to Magrathea?

**Chapter 16**

1. Who doesn't believe that Magrathea exists?

2. What reasons does Zaphod give for wanting to find Magrathea?

**Chapter 17**

1. How does the Nutri-Matic machine work?

2. Why are Trillan, Ford, and Arthur so worried about the message?

3. Why does Zaphod say the message doesn't apply to them? Is Zaphod right?

4. Who or what sings the songs as the rockets are approaching the ship?

5. What does Arthur suggest they turn on?

**Chapter 18**

1. How was Arthur able to save the crew from destruction?

2. What animal's thoughts are given at the end of the chapter?

**Chapter 19**

1. What does Trillian discover has escaped?

2. Why does the narrator feel her remark would have commanded higher attention?

**Chapter 20**

1. Describe the land of Magrathea.

2. What are the black and red lumps on the ground of Magrathea?

3. What does Zaphod find when he explores the planet?

4. What job does Zaphod give to Arthur?

5. What does Zaphod tell Ford about his current state of mind?

6. What reason does Zaphod give for why his mind doesn't seem to work properly?

7. What did Zaphod discover was done to his brains?

8. What are the initials of the person who did this to Zaphod?

**Chapter 21**

1. Who is Veet Voojagig?

2. What does he claim to have found?

3. Into who does Arthur practically walk, due to Magrathea's darkness?

**Chapter 22**

1. What reason does the old man give for the computers firing rockets at them?

2. Why do the people on Magrathea decide to go to sleep?

3. What plan did they have for waking up?

4. How long have the people of Magrathea been sleeping?

**Chapter 23**

1. What message do the dolphins try to give the humans?

**Chapter 24**

1. What is the "insane blur of silver?"

2. How does infinity look?

3. Why does the chamber at the heart of Margrathea give a better impression of infinity than infinity itself?

4. How does the Wall defy imagination?

5. What do the Magratheans make in their factory?

6. What is the "Earth Mark Two?"

7. What is the role of mice on Earth?

8. What is the role of humans on Earth?

**Chapter 25**

1. Who are Lunkwill and Fook?

2. What is Deep Thought?

3. Why does Deep Thought describe itself as "the second greatest?"

4. What do Lunkwill and Fook want Deep Thought to tell them?

5. Who are Majikthise and Vroomfondel?

6. What do they demand?

7. Who do Majikthise and Vroomfondel represent?

8. How long will it take Deep Thought to complete the program?

**Chapter 26**

1. Why does Slartibartfast invite Arthur to his study?

2. Why wouldn't Arthur's visit to New Earth "be the same?"

**Chapter 27**

1. Describe Slartibartfast's study.

2. What is the purpose of the festival Arthur sees in the Sens-o-Tape record?

3. According to Deep Thought, what is the answer to the "Great Question?"

**Chapter 28**

1. How did Phouchg and Loonquawl react to "the answer?"

2. According to Deep Thought, who will be able to answer the question?

**Chapter 29**

1. Why was Zaphod, unconscious longer than everyone else was?

2. Why are the travelers experiencing a planet that seems to be made of gold, fish, or platinum?

3. What news does the Magrathean man bring?

**Chapter 30**

1. What is the purpose of Earth?

2. For what does Slartibartfast win an award?

3. What is the third most improbable event in the history of the Universe?

**Chapter 31**

1. What happens as Arthur commented on his lifestyle?

2. How does Arthur react when he sees the mice?

3. Name the mice.

4. Why are the mice eager to return to their own dimension?

5. Why is Arthur valuable to the mice?

6. How do the mice try to convince Arthur to go along with their plans?

**Chapter 32**

1. According to Benjy, what is the "only thing they can do now?"

2. Where do the travelers hide from the cops?

3. Describe their conversation with the cops.

**Chapter 33**

1. How do the travelers escape the cops?

2. What note does Slartibartfast leave in his aircar?

**Chapter 34**

1. What happens to the Blagulon Kappa policecraft, when Marvin talks to it?

**Chapter 35**

1. According to the Guide, what are the three distinct phases every civilization experiences?