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Note-Taking Chart for Small Group Discussion
"The Veldt"

What is the irony in the aspects of contemporary life the Hadleys experience?	Textual evidence or reasoning.
In what way does the house infantilize the Hadleys? How does Bradbury depict this as dangerous?	Textual evidence or reasoning.
Is there foreshadowing that predicts that "something bad" is happening in the nursery?	Textual evidence or reasoning.
How is childhood represented in this story? What are the effects of the house and the nursery in the children?	Textual evidence or reasoning.

What literary devices does Bradbury use to make this story interesting? (E.g. suspense, imagery, figurative language, irony)	Textual evidence or reasoning.
Describe the connection (central idea, theme) between this story, and the article related to this unit.	Textual evidence or reasoning.

Extended response:

Answer the following questions in a separate piece of paper using response to literature guidelines:

1. What aspects of contemporary family life do the “HappyLife Home” and the nursery satirize? What exactly have the Hadleys “purchased” for their \$30,000 (plus \$15,000 extra for the nursery)? What do the amenities of the “HappyLife Home” offer them?
2. This story is in many ways also a classic Gothic horror story (which often portray “sick” houses and/or families). What clues are readers given throughout the story that something “very bad” (to quote David McClean!) is going on in the nursery?