Science Fiction Mr. Hart

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Study Guide: Chapters 1-6 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy

Answer each of the following in complete sentences.

Chapter 1

- 1. Describe the following characters:
 - a. Arthur Dent
 - b. Ford Prefect
 - c. Mr. L. Prosser
- 2. What is the predicament which Arthur is facing in the opening chapter, and how is this a **satire** about *bureaucracy*?
- 3. Why has Ford been waiting on earth for the past 15 years?

Chapter 2

- 4. According to Ford, what event is about to happen?
- 5. Why must today be a Thursday (according to Arthur)?

Chapter 3

- 6. How does Ford know the world is about to end?
- 7. What is The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy?

- 8. Why do you think it says the words "Don't Panic" on the cover of the book?
- 9. What is the most important thing an interstellar hitchhiker needs to carry with them? Give at least three reasons why.
- 10. Who is Prostetnic Vogon Jeltz? Why has he come to earth? How is this ironic?
- 11. What happens to earth at the end of chapter 3?

Chapter 4

- 12. Describe Zaphod Beeblebrox. What kind of person is he? Why is he the perfect parody of a leader?
- 13. What is the Heart of Gold, and what does Beeblebrox plan to do with it?
- 14. Who is Trillian?

Chapter 5

- 15. Where are Arthur and Ford, and how have they gotten here?
- 16. Describe the Vogons. Who are they a parody of?
- 17. How does Ford explain UFO sightings on earth?

Chapter 6

- 18. What is a Babel Fish and what does it do?
- 19. How does the Babel Fish prove the non-existence of God?
- 20. In the Hitchhiker's Guide, what is the entry for earth?