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Grade 6

“Harrison Bergeron”
Guided Reading Questions

Directions: Answer the following questions using as much detail as possible.

1. What is the state of U.S. society as it is described in the first paragraph of the story? How has equality been achieved?
2. How old is Harrison?
3. What has happened to Harrison and why?
4. How has the government made George and Hazel equal? What does George have to wear? What does this do?
5. What does Hazel say she would do if she were Handicapper General?
6. What is the name of the Handicapper General?
7. What is the consequence for lessening the weight of the handicap bag?
8. What reason does George give for not trying to cheat? What can we infer about George's opinion of the current laws?
9. Why wasn't the news bulletin clear at first to George, Hazel and the other viewers?
10. Why did the ballerina apologize for her voice?
11. What is the news bulletin?
12. Characterize/describe both Harrison Bergeron's physical traits and personality traits.
13. What does Harrison declare on television?
14. What happens to Harrison? Be specific!
15. How do Hazel and George react to the televised murder of their son? Why is this?