

Mr. Whiteman -- 8th Grade LA

Harrison Bergeron Post Reading Thought Questions:

Directions: Copy and paste these questions into a google doc and answer them in complete sentences. These are “thought” questions, thus your answers must reflect genuine thought and effort. Be sure to include TEXTUAL EVIDENCE in all of your responses. You cannot answer these questions in one sentence! You should use the story (posted on my website) to help you answer the questions. SEND YOUR RESPONSES TO [mr.whiteman@nybucks.org](mailto:mr.whiteman@nybucks.org)

1. Make an **inference**: based on what we know of this society, why is the picture of Harrison Bergeron that appears on the television screen displayed “upside-down, then sideways, then upside-down again, before finally appearing right-side up?” Provide another example from the text that helped you make this inference.

2. How is our **society today similar** to the one depicted in “Harrison Bergeron”? List and discuss THREE examples in which they are similar. (hint = everyone gets a trophy)

3. Choose one of the following thesis statements below and write **THREE** defending points to defend your stance. You can use bullet points to organize your points, but they must be written in complete sentences.

- A. In general, competition has a negative impact on life.
- B. In general, competition is a positive and necessary part of life.

4. List all of the ways in which the ballerinas were handicapped. Be sure to explain what talent each handicap was meant to take away.

5. If you were the Handicapper General, what types of handicaps would you place on people today in order to make the world more fair? \*\*NOTE = you cannot say “I wouldn’t” for this question.