**Harrison Bergeron**

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Questions (18)

1. What are the implications of the opening sentence, “The year was 2081, and everyone was finally equal”? (1)
2. What are the functions of the agents of “the United States Handicapper General”? (1)
3. How is radical mediocrity achieved and enforced? (2)
4. How are George and Hazel Bergeron described? What sort of life do they lead? (3)
5. Why is Harrison Bergeron such a threat to society? How old is he? How has he been “handicapped”? (3)
6. How is television used within the story? (1)
7. What is the significance of the real Harrison suddenly appearing on the TV set where is escape from prison was being reported? (1)
8. What is the meaning of Harrison and the ballerina being shot down by Diana Moon Glampers? What are the suggestions of her name? (2)
9. Why does Hazel Bergeron forget what she is crying about? (1)
10. What is the meaning of the last words of the Bergerons, “that one was a doozy”? (1)
11. Consider how “handicap” is a negative word. How does this change our perception if instead we used the words “differently abled” when referring to people that we have referred to as “handicapped”? (2)