

"Harrison Bergeron" by Kurt Vonnegut

Name: _____ Date: _____ Class: _____

Learning Target: I will analyze the theme of a short story.

Before Reading: Answer the following question in complete sentences and use evidence to justify your responses.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal..." (Declaration of Independence) Are people truly created equal? Explain your answer.

During Reading: While reading "Harrison Bergeron", we will be identifying the ways that the Handicapper General ensures that all people are equal.

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After Reading: Revisit your response from your warm- up question. Now think back to what equality meant in “Harrison Bergeron”.

Extended Writing Topic: In the short story “Harrison Bergeron” everyone is finally equal thanks to the efforts of the Handicapper General. Do you agree that everyone was truly equal in the short story? Use evidence

Your response should include the following criteria:

- A clear position on whether you agree/disagree that everyone was equal in “Harrison Bergeron”.
- Evidence from the text is fully explained and not list-like.
- Concluding sentence that summarizes response and refers back to the question.
- Well organized sentences that use effective transition words.

from the short story and your real life life experience to support your response.

A. Use the PEEL Pre-writing strategy to help you organize your thoughts for your extended writing response.

Point (Inference):

Evidence:

Explanation:

Link back to the question (Summarize your response):