

Equality in harrison bergeron



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In 2081 everyone was equal and the same. If you were superior to someone in any way they limit you to make everyone equal in every way. In this society if you stick out from the crowd people get jealous and limit you and discriminate against you.

The characters in this story are Harrison, George, Hazel, and the Handicapper General. The characters are all equal and also known as handicapped to limit the strong or pretty people to make everyone equal. The Handicapper General is in charge of keeping everyone the same. This story starts off with Hazel and George watching the ballerinas dance in an awkward manner because they have to have weights to limit themselves from being too good. Harrison is 14 and 7 feet tall and he isn't happy with being handicapped and disagrees with the government.

In the story it says Harrison Bergeron, age fourteen, she said in a gracklesquawk, has just escaped from jail, where he was held on suspicion of plotting to overthrow the government. He is a genius and an athlete, is under-handicapped, and should be regarded as extremely dangerous (Vonnegut 2). If the government didn't do this he would not be upset and could be superior in his own ways to everyone and makes him special. Harrison is in jail because he was planning to overthrow the government and considered insane. He always has heavy weights to handicap him for being better than other people. He breaks out of jail and instead of using violence to overthrow the government he goes on tv, takes off his handicaps and dances with a pretty ballerina with her handicap off and gets shot by the Handicapper General.

Hazel is the mother of Harrison that is not handicapped and she watches the ballerinas with George on tv together. She is also mentally slow and cannot focus for very long. In the story it states "Only, if I was Handicapper General, you know what I would do?" Said Hazel. Hazel was a strong resemblance to the handicap general, a woman named Diana Moon Glampers. "If I was Diana Moon Glampers said Hazel. 'I'd have chimes on Sunday'" just chimes. Kind of in honor of religion (Vonnegut 2). She is saying how she wants some sort of respect or honor in a religion. George is Harrison's father and he has an intelligent mind so he was handicapped on the head. In the story it says "And George, while his intelligence was way above normal, had a little mental handicap radio in his ear (Vonnegut 1). If the government didn't do this he would be happy and could be himself and would be able to use his brain for good and not be kept away. George has a thing in his ear all the time so he doesn't think too fast and disrupts his thinking with noises. He tries to think of things that will interfere with the government but they stop him with the headphones that he always has to wear by law.

In conclusion the characters all represent something in human nature for example, Harrison represents freedom and the government doesn't want that because they want everyone to be equal. Hazel and George are the example of the people that follow the laws. They sit back and don't retaliate because they can't do anything about it.