

## Reading Questions for “Harrison Bergeron” by Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.

1. What is the state of U.S. society as described in the first paragraph of the story? How has “equality” been achieved?
2. Consider the characters of Hazel and George. Why isn’t Hazel handicapped? How is George handicapped and how does he seem to feel about his handicaps?
3. Describe the character of Harrison in terms of both his physical qualities and personality traits.
4. What is the significance of the dance that Harrison performs with the ballerina? How does the *style* in which the story is written change in this passage?
5. How are we as readers supposed to react to Harrison and the ballerina’s execution?
6. How do Hazel and George react to the televised murder of their son?
7. What do you consider to be Vonnegut’s objective/point in this story?