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“Harrison Bergeron” by Kurt Vonnegut

coward pg ___ definition: to crouch in fear

consternation pg ___ definition: surprise, anxiety

luminous pg ___ definition: very bright; light

hindrances pg. ___ definition: something that provides resistance or delay

WRITE THE PAGE NUMBER OF THE ANSWER NEXT TO THE QUESTION. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET OR A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER. USE COMPLETE SENTENCES. YOU ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO HIGHLIGHT ALL THE ANSWERS WITHIN THE STORY AND WRITE THE NUMBER OF THE QUESTION NEXT TO THE HIGHLIGHTED ANSWER.

1. What has made it so that everyone in the story is equal? Example of a complete sentence: “Everyone in the story is equal because” ... EVERYONE IN THE STORY IS EQUAL BECAUSE OF THE **211th, 212th, and 213th Amendments to the Constitution. PAGE 1**
2. How old is Harrison? **HARRISON IS 14 YEARS OLD. PAGE 1**
3. What has happened to Harrison and why? **Harrison was thrown in jail for being a genius and athlete and for suspicion of plotting to overthrow the government. Page 1 and Page 3**
4. How has the government made George and Hazel equal? What does George have to wear AND what does it do? **PAGE 1 And George, while his intelligence was way above normal, had a little mental handicap radio in his ear. He was required by law to wear it at all times. It was tuned to a government transmitter. Every twenty seconds or so, the transmitter would send out some sharp noise to keep people like George from taking unfair advantage of their brains.**
5. What does Hazel say she would do if she were Handicap General? **"Only, if I was Handicapper General, you know what I would do?" said Hazel. Hazel, as a matter of fact, bore a strong resemblance to the "If I was Diana Moon Glampers," said Hazel, "I'd have chimes on Sunday-just chimes. Kind of in honor of religion." Page 1**
6. What is the name of Handicap General? **Handicapper General, a woman named Diana Moon Glampers. Page 1**

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7. What is the consequence for lessening the weight of the handicap bag? **"Two years in prison and two thousand dollars fine for every ball I took out," said George. "I don't call that a bargain." Page 2**
8. What reason does George give for not trying to cheat? Because of this reason, what can we infer (figure out) about George's opinion of the current laws? **Page 2 George doesn't want to cheat because he respects the government and doesn't want to go back to having people be competitive in society.**
9. Why wasn't the news bulletin clear at first to the George, Hazel, and other viewers? **The television program was suddenly interrupted for a news bulletin. It wasn't clear at first as to what the bulletin was about, since the announcer, like all announcers, had a serious speech impediment. Page 2**
10. Why did the ballerina apologize about her voice? **And she had to apologize at once for her voice, which was a very unfair voice for a woman to use. Her voice was a warm, luminous, timeless melody. Page 3**
11. What is the news bulletin about? **"Harrison Bergeron, age fourteen," she said in a grackle squawk, "has just escaped from jail. Page 3**
12. Describe Harrison Bergeron, physically, with all his handicaps. **Pages 3 Harrison has an large earphones, thick glasses to make him partially blind and to give him headaches, red clown nose, shaved eye brows, black caps on his teeth, and a lot of metal all over his body. Check page 3 for the full description.**
13. What does Harrison say on television? **Page 4 "I am the Emperor!"**
14. What happens to Harrison at the end of the story? Be specific. **It was then that Diana Moon Glampers, the Handicapper General, came into the studio with a double-barreled ten-gauge shotgun. She fired twice, and Harrison and the ballerina were dead before they hit the floor.**