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## **“Harrison Bergeron”: Discussion Questions**

1. What is the tone of this story?
2. In your opinion, what does it mean to be equal? Does being equal mean that everyone must be the same? What do you feel is Vonnegut's view on equality?
3. When Harrison Bergeron is completely free from his handicaps, he defies the laws of gravity and motion. What might Vonnegut be suggesting about the potential of free human beings?
4. In traditional stories, the hero is a superhuman figure, who "saves" people from an enemy. In what passages is Harrison superhuman? How are the results of Harrison's efforts ironic?
5. Is competition good, bad, or a little of both? Why do you feel that way?

