

***Harrison Bergeron* – Kurt Vonnegut Jr.** Name: _____

Analysis Questions (5 marks x 2 = 10 marks)

Please answer all the questions in full sentences on a separate piece of paper. Hand in when you are finished.

Use examples from the text to support your answers.

1. What is the purpose of the handicaps in *Harrison Bergeron*?
2. Why is the government looking for Harrison?
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. Why aren't George and Hazel more affected by seeing the death of their son on TV?
5. 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?

Elements of a Short Story (5 marks)

Label the following elements of a short story for *Harrison Bergeron*. Use your notes to help guide you.

Plot (general overview/outline)

Character (type, conflict)

Setting (where and when)

Atmosphere (mood or tone)

Style (diction, sentence structure, point of view, irony, etc.)

Parts of a Plot (5 marks)

Label the following parts of the plot (more specifically) for *Harrison Bergeron*. Use your notes to help guide you.

Exposition (beginning)

Rising Action (the problem)

Climax (highest point)

Falling Action (outcome)

Resolution (the end)

Total _____ / 20