Read “Harrison Burgeron” in the Inside stories II anthology.

Complete questions 1, 3, 5 & 6.

Using your understanding of last day’s lecture, write a PQE paragraph outlining the content, character and context of this story. Before you write, create three columns on your page and brainstorm what parts of the story correspond to each category. You may work in partners.

Brainstorm context topics in answering the following question:

1. Why write this story?

1. To show how equality could be a bad thing
2. To show how everyone is unique and how that is a good thing.
3. To show that there will always be diversity no matter how much regulation exists.
4. To show that equality cannot exist.
5. To show the dangers of an unthinking society.
6. To satirize [poke fun of] absolute equality.
7. To emphasize the importance of freedom.
8. To imply that fear can easily overpower grief.
9. To show that not everyone can conform to a particular lifestyle.
10. To show that without competition a society does not function

PQE Paragraph example:

Point.

In Kurt Vonnegut’s “Harrison Bergeron” Vonnegut uses Harrison to highlight the dangers of individuality in society. The story’s setting allows the reader to see that all the characters are linked into the society.Point. George Burgeron is hindered by his audio implant and Hazel is too stupid to conceive of any other way of living. **Quote.** It is not until the reader is introduced to Harrison, that the threat of individuality is revealed. 🡨**Refer back to Point**. His protests, “I am the Emperor…Everyone must do what I say at once!” 🡨 **Quote** coupled with his vast intellect and brute strength, show the reader how individual prowess can endanger the peace of a calm conformed society. **🡨Beginning explanation** Harrison’s on stage protest symbolizes the plight of the individual against the greater whole. 🡨 Explanation. Harrison’s death, in turn symbolizes the death of individuality when it is set against the tide of conformity. Explanation. Vonnegut uses Harrison to show the reader the dangers of individuality; that when individuals rise above the common people, the consequences can be disastrous.